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In re: KKLM(FM), Corpus Christi, TX
Facility ID# 57477
Educational Media Foundation ("EMF")
BPED-20121017ABG

Dear Applicant:

This letter is in reference to the above-captioned minor change application to change effective radiated power. EMF also requests waiver of the contour overlap provisions of 47 C.F.R § 73.509. For the reasons stated below, we grant EMF's waiver request and the application.

Waiver Request

An engineering study of the application reveals that it is in violation of 47 C.F.R. § 73.509 with respect to the second-adjacent Class C3 license (BLED-20100428AFQ) for KIFR(FM), Alice, TX. Specifically, the proposed protected contour (60 dBu) would receive overlap from the interfering contour (100 dBu) of KIFR. EMF recognizes this violation and requests waiver of the contour overlap provisions of § 73.509.

In support of the waiver request, EMF states that it will not cause interference to KIFR. EMF also believes that the total area of overlap constitutes only 0.16% of the area within KKLM's 60 dBu contour.

In addition, EMF claims that the proposed facilities would provide a net increase of its overall coverage area by 1,489 square kilometers (a 22.76% increase). Furthermore, EMF indicates that the proposed facilities will provide new service to an estimated 36,536 persons, which is an increase of 8.49%. Finally, EMF cites *Educational Information Corporation*, 6 FCC Rcd 2207 (1991), as evidence of the Commission's willingness to consider waivers of such overlap in certain instances. EMF considers the affected area to be *de minimis*, and when considered along with the increased service area, EMF concludes that waiver of § 73.509 is warranted in this case.

Discussion

EMF's request to receive second-adjacent channel overlap is similar to the request submitted by WCPE(FM), Raleigh, NC in the *Educational Information Corporation* case. In that case it was stated that:

The Commission has long recognized the unique characteristics of the noncommercial service and the need for flexibility to respond to the growing demand for such service. We are also more sensitive today to the increasing limitations within the reserved band which reflect the increased demand for service over the last 30 years. For these reasons,

we are now inclined to grant waivers of second or third adjacent channel overlap in circumstances such as WCPE's, where the benefit of increased noncommercial educational service so heavily outweighs the potential for interference in very small areas. However, because of the concern for the ability of the stations causing interference to make any future changes in their own facilities, as discussed below, we believe that the waiver of interference received must be granted with the acknowledgement that future modifications proposed by the affected licensees will not be construed as a *per se* modification of the waiver recipient's license.

Accordingly, in light of the Commission's policy on this matter, the requested waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 73.509 will be granted.

Conclusion

We have afforded the request for waiver of §73.509 the "hard look" called for under *WAIT Radio v. FCC*, 418 F.2d 1153 (D.C. Cir. 1969), and find that the facts and circumstances presented in the applicant's justification is sufficient to establish that grant of the requested waiver would be in the public interest. Accordingly, EMF's request for waiver of § 73.509 IS HEREBY GRANTED. Furthermore, application File No. BPED-20121017ABG IS HEREBY GRANTED subject to the following conditions:

Further modification of KIFR(FM), Alice, TX (Facility ID# 91097) will not be construed as a *per se* modification of KKLM's construction permit (BPED-20121017ABG).

(See *Educational Information Corporation*, 6 FCC Rcd. 2207 (1991)).

The authorization is enclosed. These actions are taken pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 0.283.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rodolfo F. Bonacci".

Rodolfo F. Bonacci
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cc: David D. Oxenford, Esq.