

REQUEST FOR MAIN STUDIO WAIVER

Columbia Bible College Broadcasting Company (“CBCBC”), hereby respectfully requests that the Commission grant a waiver of Section 73.1125(a) of the Commission’s rules to permit CBCBC to operate WGWG(FM), Boiling Springs, NC (Facility ID: 23156),¹ as a “satellite” of CBCBC’s station WRCM(FM), Wingate, NC (Facility ID: 12400). This waiver is requested in connection with the proposed assignment of WGWG(FM) from Gardner Webb University to CBCBC.

Good cause for a waiver exists. In support of this request, CBCBC states as follows:

CBCBC is a non-profit corporation organized under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. CBCBC holds licenses for two other full-power broadcast radio stations: WRCM(FM), Wingate, NC and WMHK(FM), Columbia, SC. CBCBC seeks a waiver of the FCC’s main studio rule to operate WGWG(FM) as a satellite of Station WRCM(FM) and to carry CBCBC’s programming. WRCM has a full staff and otherwise can serve as the main studio for WGWG(FM).

As a wholly owned subsidiary of a private non-profit university, Columbia International University, CBCBC relies almost exclusively on listener contributions, underwriting and donations to support the station. Sufficient public funding is not available to support the station. Accordingly, a waiver of the main studio rule will serve the public interest in this instance.

CBCBC’s request relates to the staffing requirement of Section 73.1125(a), *see Jones Eastern of the Outer Banks*, 6 FCC Rcd 3615 (1990), and CBCBC intends to meet its local service obligation in the following manner:

- CBCBC will expand its community advisory board to include at least one member from Boiling Springs, NC. That member will, at least quarterly, ascertain the needs and interests of WGWG’s listening audience.
- CBCBC will maintain an up-to-date copy of WGWG(FM)’s local public file in Wingate, NC and will maintain a local toll-free number for the benefit of Boiling Springs residents.
- CBCBC will maintain an Internet site whereby residents of the Boiling Springs service area can communicate directly with CBCBC concerning programming and the local station’s operation.

Grant of this waiver request will enable CBCB to improve its overall program production by reducing operating expenses. Based on the above-stated commitments, which are consistent with commitments offered in connection with other main studio waivers for noncommercial stations, C²BCBC respectfully requests FCC consent to operate WGWG(FM), Boiling Springs, NC as a satellite of WRCM(FM).

¹ CBCBC anticipates that the station will request an alternative call sign prior to the assignment of the station to CBCBC.

² *See, e.g., Delmarva Educational Association*, 19 FCC Rcd 6793 (2004), at ¶¶ 11-12; *Letter to Jeffrey D. Southmayd (WVML-FM)*, 2002 FCC Lexis 6524 (Audio Div., 2002)