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Washington, D.C. 20554

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In Reply Refer To:  
1800B3-GDG

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In re: K280EF, Austin, MN  
Facility No. 42931  
Silent Since: 12/30/2003  
File No. BLSTA-20040107AMW  
Request for Special Temporary  
Authority

Dear Counsel:

This letter concerns the request, filed January 7, 2004, on behalf of Minnesota Public Radio ("MPR"), for special temporary authority to permit FM Translator K280EF to remain silent.

MPR's states that the translator ceased operations on December 30, 2003, when construction was completed on "nearby full-power station KNSE-FM in Austin, MN, which is intended to replace the service provided by K280EF."

MPR's request will be granted. Accordingly, special temporary authority is granted to permit FM Translator K280EF to remain silent through July 9, 2004. **Notwithstanding the grant of this special temporary authority, the broadcast license for K280EF will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 A.M., December 31, 2004.**<sup>1</sup> See Pub. L. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, § 403(1) (1996) and Order, Silent Station Authorizations, FCC 96-218 (released May 17, 1996).


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<sup>1</sup>Notification of resumption of broadcast operations must be mailed to:

Federal Communications Commission  
Attn: 1800B3-GDG, Room 2-B450  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Finally, it is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the station's tower shall be maintained during the period the translator remains silent.<sup>2</sup>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Greisman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Glenn Greisman, Industry Analyst  
Audio Division  
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<sup>2</sup>See 47 C.F.R. § 74.30.