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Ms. Mariene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals Building, Room 2-A622
445-12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Station KEDT-DT
Corpus Christi, Texas
Facility ID #58408
FRN #0005026091
File No. BDSTA-20030422ABM

Request for Waiver of Simulcasting Requirement

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of South Texas Public Broadcasting System, Inc., permittee of noncommercial educational Station KEDT-DT, Corpus Christi, Texas, we hereby request a waiver for four months, until March 1, 2004, of the simulcasting requirement of Section 73.624(f) of the rules, which is effective for public television stations as of November 1, 2003. See Order in MM Docket No. 03-15, released April 29, 2003. At paragraph 6 of the order the Commission stated:

In the event the Commission has not yet acted on the simulcasting issues raised in the Second DTV Periodic NPRM by November 1, 2003, and in the event some NCE stations decide to request a waiver for an additional period of time, we will consider those requests at that time on their individual merit

Station KEDT-DT was activated under special temporary authority at reduced power on September 23, 2003. It is using a minimum amount of master control equipment by utilizing the Public Broadcasting Services' national high-definition feed. The licensee is working actively on finishing construction of the master control

infrastructure that will allow it to simulcast. The licensee plans to take delivery of the necessary encoding and multiplexing equipment and have it installed by March 1, 2004.

Grant of the requested waiver will serve the public interest by permitting the orderly inauguration of local DTV programming and simulcasting in this market.

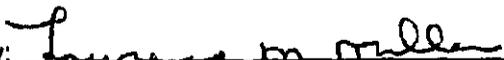
No fee is required for this filing, pursuant to Section 1.1114(c), inasmuch as it pertains to a noncommercial educational station.

The licensee has authorized us to state on its behalf that neither it nor any party to this request is subject to denial of federal benefits under the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

Please address any questions concerning this request to this office.

Respectfully submitted,

SCHWARTZ, WOODS & MILLER

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