

October 16, 2007

ITEM 137-101-C1007

Authority to Apply for Construction Permit for Reserved Channel Non-Commercial Educational Broadcast Station

THAT:

The Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes Montana State University to apply to the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) for a reserved channel noncommercial educational FM radio station to serve Bozeman, Montana and attests that 1) Montana State University is located in Bozeman, Montana and has been so located since 1892; 2) that the university will remain located within 25 miles of the reference coordinates of the community of Bozeman, Montana at all times during the pendency of the application. Montana State University is located in Bozeman, Montana pursuant to state law (Sections 20-25-201 and 20-25-221, MCA).

EXPLANATION:

There is a unique, time-limited opportunity for noncommercial entities to apply for reserved FM channels. Montana State University-Bozeman wishes to file an application for one of these channels for KGLT, the campus radio station. If successful, the additional channel will allow KGLT to broadcast the same programming on two different frequencies which will increase its service area. One frequency will be located in Logan and the new frequency will broadcast from campus.

If MSU is successful in its application, there will be no additional operational costs. A low power transmitter, new antennae and transmission cables will be required if the channel is granted to MSU. These improvements will be funded from a Corporation of Public Broadcasting grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft of Application
FCC Rules