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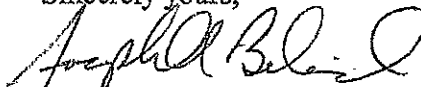
RE: School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida
Application for new non-commercial educational FM Station
Channel 218, Marathon, Florida
FCC File No BNPED-20000217ABA

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Transmitted on behalf of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, please find an original plus two copies of an amendment to the above-referenced application. This amendment is tendered to revise the showing made in support of a waiver of the Main Studio Rule for the proposed station at Marathon, Florida.

If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph A. Belisle
Counsel for The School Board of
Miami-Dade County, Florida

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Jack Yaghdjian - *For the Public File*

AMENDMENT

The School Board of Miami-Dade County ("MDCPS") hereby amends its application for a construction permit for a new non-commercial educational station on FM Channel 218 C1, Marathon, Florida (FCC File No. BNPED-20000217ABA) to provide a showing in support of its request to waive the Main Studio Rule, 47 C.F.R. Section 73.1125.

MDCPS is the licensee of non-commercial educational stations WLRN FM and TV, Miami, Florida. It proposes that the Marathon Florida FM station be run as a satellite of Station WLRN-FM. In support of this request, MDCPS notes that Marathon is a fairly remote community, located on Vaca Key, an island roughly 95 miles SSW of Miami, Florida. While the 1mV/m contour of MDCPS' proposed station encompasses 7312 square kilometers of the earth's surface, only 112 square kilometers of this area is above water. The rest is either the Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico. The 2000 census population of this 1mV/m service area's 43,703 people. MDCPS submits that there is reason to believe that a population of 43,703 would have difficulty supporting a full-service non-commercial educational affiliate of National Public Radio ("NPR").

MDCPS is a local governmental entity with limited resources available for its broadcasting activities. While MDCPS' ultimate objective is to establish a full service non-commercial educational FM station at Marathon, it seeks permission to operate the station initially as a satellite of WLRN-FM, with its main studio at 172 NE 15th Street, Miami, Florida. This will save the station significant amounts in operating costs while it develops a listening audience for its NPR programming. To insure that Marathon and surrounding areas are properly

served during the time of satellite operations, MDCPS shall:

- (a) maintain a local public inspection file in Marathon, Florida.
- (b) include persons from Marathon and the surrounding service area on the citizens advisory board for the station.
- (c) conduct quarterly ascertainment of the problems interests and needs of Marathon and the surrounding service area.
- (d) present news and other non-entertainment programs addressing the ascertained needs of Marathon and the station's service area, and
- (e) maintain a telephone number for the station that is toll free within the station's service area.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County

By: 

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