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Ms Donna R Searcy  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington DC 20554

Reference: Application of SATELLITE CD RADIO

File numbers: 49/50-DSS-P/LA-90  
58/59-DSS-AMEND-90  
44/45-DSS-AMEND-92  
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Dear Ms Searcy:

Minnesota Public Radio ("MPR"), a noncommercial, educational public radio network based in St Paul, Minnesota, is the licensee of 23 FM radio stations, 1 AM radio station, and 13 FM translators.

MPR respectfully presents the following comments regarding the development of Digital Audio Radio Services (DARS) and on proposals by Satellite CD Radio to construct, launch and operate space stations for the provision of digital audio radio services.

MPR has reviewed the proposals by Satellite CD Radio, and is in general supportive of these proposals, but wishes to recommend the following:

- \* Reserve 20% of any digital satellite spectrum for public radio use. This would provide an allocation similar to that which exists on the FM spectrum, and would ensure establishment of adequate channels for public radio broadcasting.

The public policy benefits of reserving a portion of the spectrum for this purpose are as follows:

- It would provide rural and unserved metro audiences with access to the cultural, educational and current affairs programming available on public radio
- It would allow delivery of specialized, well-targetted programming to national audiences in an efficient and inexpensive manner

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- It would promote distribution of culturally diverse programming to regions where such programming would otherwise be unavailable

MPR appreciates the opportunity to present comments on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rolfe Larson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Rolfe Larson, Director  
Administrative Services/Special Projects

cc: Bill Doherty