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Mr. William E. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MM Docket No. 87-268; Response to Petition for Reconsideration filed
by Trinity Christian Center of Santa Ana, Inc. with respect to the DTV
allotment of Station KAFT, Fayetteville, Arkansas
Station KAFT, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Caton:

The Arkansas Educational Television Commission ("AETC"), licensee of noncommercial educational
television station KAFT, Channel *13, Fayetteville, Arkansas, provides this response to the "Petition for
Reconsideration" ("Petition") filed June 13, 1997 in the referenced docket by Trinity Christian Center of
Santa Anna, Inc., d/b/a Trinity Broadcasting Network ("TBN"). Among other things, TBN proposes that
the DTV channel to be assigned to Station KAFT be changed from Channel 45 to Channel 10. This
change would protect TBN's translator station K45ER at Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

AETC would prefer to operate KAFT's DTV facilities on Channel 10 rather than Channel 45, and
therefore would support the TBN Petition in this single respect, provided that Channel 10 would provide
an acceptable coverage area of interference-free service. The TBN Petition did not provide engineering
studies to show what limits there might be, if any, on the coverage of a DTV Channel 10 station, a problem
AETC hopes will be cured by TBN by the August 22 deadline for supplemental information relating to
DTV channel petitions. AETC notes, however, that there is a Channel 10 NTSC station in Springfield,
Missouri, Station KOLR-TV, which appears to be short spaced to KAFT if KAFT operated facilities on
Channel 10.

In summary, if Channel 10 is demonstrated by TBN to work as a substitute DTV channel for KAFT,
AETC would support its substitution for Channel 45. Otherwise, AETC would oppose any change in its
DTV channel for KAFT.

Respectfully submitted,

Arkansas Educational Television Commission

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