



September 14, 2023

Prairie Public Broadcasting
KMDE TV
Attn: Shannon Rieman and Chris Wilkes
207 North 5th Street
Fargo, ND 58102

Letter Sent via Email: srieman@prairiepublic.org; cwilkes@prairiepublic.org

**Re: Mandatory Carriage Election
KMDE – Fargo DMA**

Dear Prairie Public Broadcasting:

We received KMDE's letter via email on September 13, 2023, electing mandatory carriage for the upcoming election cycle commencing on January 1, 2024 and ending on December 31, 2026. It is our understanding that KMDE substantially duplicates the signal of other local television broadcast stations assigned to the applicable DMA. As such, your election is rejected on this basis pursuant to federal regulations.

If you have information to demonstrate non-duplication, such as monthly programming schedules, please forward the programming schedules for each station to DISH Programming, attention Teresa Cain (teresa.cain@dish.com) and we will be pleased to consider such information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa Cain".

Teresa Cain
DISH Programming, Locals Operations

cc: electionnotices@fcc.gov