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88.7 KCME-FM Receives Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) and Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP) Grants during its 30th Anniversary Year!

November 21, 2009 – Colorado Springs, CO: 88.7 KCME-FM went on the air on December 24, 1979 and is an independent public radio station that broadcasts classical music twenty-four hours a day. Today 88.7 KCME-FM announces grant awards from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB; info at <http://cpb.org>). The Corporation for Public Broadcasting is expanding its Community Service Grant program to include just six public radio stations, including one in the state of Colorado, 88.7 KCME-FM. Twenty-five percent of the grant is restricted to the production and acquisition of national programming; 75 percent is to be used for operational expenses, local services such as outreach initiatives and educational workshops. The estimated amount of this annual grant to KCME is \$96,394.

Additionally, the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP) awards KCME \$177,416.00, half of which, \$88,709.00, must be funded by KCME. These funds will be used to improve the operation of KCME-FM by purchasing equipment that will improve the grounding system for the transmitter and STL, a surge suppressor for the transmitter and to install an output filter on the transmitter as required by the leaseholder of the transmitter site as well as to build a new public radio station, KMPZ-FM in Salida, Colorado that will transmit the signal of 88.7KCME-FM in Colorado Springs. The new fully protected Class C3 radio station will be completed in 2010, and will be heard on 88.1FM. This fully protected radio station will replace the present translator.

Over the years, KCME has grown to the point where it now broadcasts its signal over a much wider area from its transmitter high atop Cheyenne Mountain in Colorado Springs/Pueblo, and has translators serving: Manitou Springs (88.7 FM); Cripple Creek/Victor (89.5 FM); Woodland Park (93.5 FM); Salida/Buena Vista (89.5 FM); Canon City/Florence/Penrose (91.1 FM); and Summit County (89.3 FM). In addition to CPB grants, KCME's operating revenues are derived from membership drives, foundation grants, and from the sale of on-air program sponsorship opportunities to community-minded businesses and corporations.

