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Robert G. Clarke, Chancellor
Vermont State Colleges
P.O. Box 500
Randolph Center, VT 05061

In re: WVTC(FM), Randolph Center, VT
Facility ID No. 69957
Request for Special Temporary
Authorization

Dear Chancellor Clarke:

This letter refers to the September 30, 2008, request for Special Temporary Authorization (“STA”) filed on behalf of Vermont State Colleges (“VSC”), licensee of expired Station WVTC(FM), Randolph Center, Vermont.

An application for renewal of WVTC(FM)’s license should have been filed by December 1, 2005. No such application was filed, and the station’s license expired on April 1, 2006. VSC explains that is a primarily student-run station which previously operated with few resources and no communications counsel. As a result of these factors, it did not realize that the WVTC(FM) license was due to expire and inadvertently failed to file a renewal application for the Station. When it realized this oversight in December of 2007, it suspended Station operations and contacted communications counsel, who assisted the preparation of a renewal application.¹ VSC requests permission to resume WVTC(FM) operations pending consideration of its ostensibly untimely license renewal application.

Under Section 309(f) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 309(f), when an appropriate application has been filed, the Commission may grant special temporary authorization if it finds that there are extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary operations in the public interest and that delay in the institution of such temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest. In this case, we believe that the public interest in continuing WVTC(FM)’s noncommercial educational broadcast service to Randolph Center, Vermont, warrants resumed operation of the station pending consideration and disposition of the (untimely) renewal application.

Accordingly, the September 30, 2008, request for Special Temporary Authorization filed by Vermont State Colleges IS GRANTED, and it may resume operation of WVTC(FM),

¹ File No. BRFT-20080611ACH.

Randolph Center, Vermont, with the facilities for which the license expired on April 1, 2006. This authorization will expire (1) 180 days from the date of this letter; or (2) upon action on the pending WVTC(FM) license renewal application, whichever is sooner. Grant of this authorization is without prejudice to whatever action, if any, the staff deems appropriate in light of the failure to file a timely license renewal application for WVTC(FM).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter H. Doyle", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter H. Doyle
Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Anne Goodwin Crump, Esq.