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Troy G. Langham, FCC Engineering Supervisor Clear Channel Technical & Capital Management 2625 South Memorial Drive, Suite A Tulsa, Oklahoma 74129

Re: WFLF (AM), Pine Hills, Florida

Facility Identification Number: 51970 Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc.

Special Temporary Authority

## Dear Mr. Langham:

This is in reference to the request filed October 28, 2008, on behalf of Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc. ("CCBL"). CCBL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WFLF pursuant to Section 73.1615. In support of the request, CCBL states that it is in the process of implementing modified WFLF facilities authorized by Construction Permit BP-20051101ABN.

Section 73.1615, which governs operation during modification of facilities, provides that AM licensees holding construction permits which involve directional facilities may discontinue operation, may operate with reduced power or with parameters at variance from licensed tolerances while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits, may operate in nondirectional mode during presently licensed hours of directional operation with power reduced to 25% of licensed directional power, may operate during daytime hours only in nondirectional mode with power reduced to 25% of construction permit directional power only as necessary to conduce nondirectional proof measurements, may operate during daytime hours with the substantially adjusted daytime or nighttime directional facilities authorized by the permit and with the power authorized by the permit only as necessary to take proof of performance measurements. Operating power shall be reduced to currently

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WFLF is licensed for operation on 540 kHz with 50 kilowatts daytime and 50 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U). Construction Permit BP-20051101ABN authorizes relocation of the transmitter, a reduction in nighttime power to 46 kilowatts and changes to the daytime and nighttime directional patterns.

licensed levels when proof measurements are not being taken.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WFLF may operate pursuant to Section 73.1615 and the terms and conditions of Construction Permit BP-20051101ABN. In particular, the following modes of operation are authorized:

- 1. During daytime hours, with a nondirectional antenna and power not to exceed 12.5 kilowatts, only as necessary for nondirectional proof of performance measurements.
- 2. During daytime hours, with the substantially adjusted daytime and nighttime directional antenna systems and powers authorized by the permit.
- 3. During nighttime hours, with the substantially adjusted nighttime directional antenna system authorized by the permit.

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Operation pursuant to this authority shall not commence until sufficient diplexing equipment has been installed and properly adjusted to reduce all spurious emissions resulting from the diplexed operation of Stations WFLF and WQTM below the levels specified in 47 CFR Section 73.44(b). CCBL must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on April 30, 2009.

**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Miller, Engineer

Audio Division Media Bureau

cc: Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc.