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Re: Pennsylvania Media Associates, Inc.
WFIL (AM), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Facility Identification Number: 52193
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed April 29, 2008, on behalf of Pennsylvania Media Associates, Inc. ("PMA"). PMA requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on November 1, 2007, to operate Station WFIL with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits, and with a nondirectional antenna and reduced power.¹ In support of the request, PMA states that completion of repairs to the station's facilities has been delayed by adverse weather conditions.

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.

Our review indicates that the licensee has made progress toward restoration of licensed operation, but additional time is required for completing the work. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WFIL may

¹ WFIL is licensed for operation on 560 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Operation with a nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts also is authorized, only as necessary to facilitate the repair work. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. PMA must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² PMA 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 **June 12, 2009**.

Sincerely,



Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Pennsylvania Media Associates, Inc.

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b).