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Re: WMEL (AM), Cocoa Beach, Florida  
Facility Identification Number: 55005  
Rama Communications, Inc.  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed May 8, 2008, on behalf of Rama Communications, Inc. ("Rama"). Rama requests further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on June 12, 2007, to operate Station WMEL (formerly WTIR) with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits, and with a nondirectional antenna and reduced power.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, Rama states that various problems have delayed the process of replacing the transmission lines in the directional array, and that additional time is required to complete the work.

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. It is anticipated that an application for direct measurement of operating power will be filed prior to the expiration date below, and that further extension of this authority will not be

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<sup>1</sup> WMEL is licensed for operation on 1300 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 1 kilowatt nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

necessary.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WMEL may continue to operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Authority for operation with a nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts daytime and 0.25 kilowatt nighttime 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. Rama must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> Rama 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 23, 2009**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer  
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cc: Rama Communications, Inc.

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