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Re: WACG-FM, Augusta, Georgia

Facility Identification Number: 23922

Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission

Special Temporary Authorization

## Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed August 14, 2008, on behalf of Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission ("GPT"). GPT requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on December 21, 2007, and modified on February 26, 2008, to operate Station WACG-FM with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ In support of the request, GPT states that the licensed transmission system developed an audio hum; that it was able to eliminate the problem by operating with the antenna formerly authorized by Construction Permit BPED-20051014AAE. GPT states that permanent relocation of Station WACG-FM will be accomplished following the digital TV transition, so that it can use an antenna currently used by a Channel 6 analog TV station. GPT requests extension of the STA pending permanent relocation of the station.

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WACG-FM is licensed for operation on Channel 214C2 (90.7 MHz) with effective radiated power ("ERP") of 25 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain ("HAAT") of 122 meters. Construction Permit BPED-20090507ABU authorizes relocation of the transmitter and operation with ERP of 5.6 kW (H only) and HAAT of 429 meters.

Our review indicates that the licensee has been prevented from restoring licensed operation due to causes beyond its control and has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WACG-FM may continue to operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:

33° 24′ 18″ N, 81° 50′ 15″ W (NAD 1927)

Channel

214 (90.7 MHz)

Effective radiated power:

1 kilowatt (H only)

Antenna height:

above ground:

380 meters

above mean sea level:

499 meters

Above average terrain:

421 meters

GPT 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 **December 4, 2009**.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Miller, Engineer

Audio Division Media Bureau

cc: Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission