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Re: WQBN (AM), Temple Terrace, Florida
Facility Identification Number: 74155
Radio Tropical, Inc.
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed September 15, 2008, on behalf of Radio Tropical, Inc. ("RTI"). RTI requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on March 21, 2008, for operation of Station WQBN with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.¹

In support of the request for extension, RTI states that the station's ground system has been damaged by vandalism, causing operational variances. RTI further states that a new diplexed facility is being installed at the site. RTI requests extension of STA in order to complete the installation and to allow time for retuning and proof of performance measurements.

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

¹ WQBN is licensed for operation on 1300 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 0.16 kilowatt nighttime, employing a directional antenna during daytime hours only (DA-D-U).

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 WQBN may continue to operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. RTI 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 8, 2009**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charles N. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charles" being the most prominent part.

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cc: Radio Tropical, Inc.