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Re: WKBA(AM), Vinton, Virginia
Facility Identification Number: 67180
Tinker Creek Broadcasters, Inc.
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed January 2, 2009, on behalf of Tinker Creek Broadcasters, Inc. ("TCB"). TCB requests further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted August 11, 2006, to operate Station WKBA with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ In support of the request, TCB states that it has completed all physical construction related to replacement of one of the station's towers which collapsed in a storm; however, additional time is required to complete necessary measurements and file an application for license. TCB states that completion of the measurements has been delayed by adverse weather conditions and serious health issues of the station's consulting engineer.²

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 WKBA is licensed for operation on 1550 kHz with 10 kilowatts, daytime hours only, employing a directional antenna (DA-D-D).

² In addition to the representations made in the request, information was provided to the staff by counsel via telephone.

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 WKBA may 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. It is anticipated that an application for direct measurement of operating power will be filed prior to the expiration date below. TCB 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 **January 9, 2010**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Tinker Creek Broadcasters, Inc.