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Re: Minnesota Valley Broadcasting Company
KTOE (AM), Mankato, Minnesota
Facility Identification Number: 42899
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed May 29, 2009, on behalf of Minnesota Valley Broadcasting Company ("MVB"). MVB requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on December 5, 2008, to operate Station KTOE¹ during nighttime hours with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits, and with a nondirectional antenna and reduced power. In support of the request, MVB states that renovation of its nighttime directional antenna system and preparations for the relocation of commonly owned Station KYSM to the KTOE site are nearing completion.

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 substantial progress toward restoring licensed operation. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KTOE may operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Operation during nighttime hours with a temporary nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatt also is authorized, only as necessary to facilitate the planned construction and repair work. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation

¹ KTOE is licensed for operation on 1420 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DA-N-U).

if complaints of interference are received. MVB must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² MVB 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.

Simultaneous operation of Stations KTOE and KYSM with a shared antenna shall not commence until sufficient diplexing equipment has been installed and properly adjusted to reduce all spurious emissions below the levels specified in 47 CFR Section 73.44(b). Within 10 days after commencement of such operation, MVB must submit the results of measurements which demonstrate compliance with the above condition.

This authority expires on **November 5, 2009**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller".

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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Media Bureau

cc: Minnesota Valley Broadcasting Company

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