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Re: WBIS (AM), Annapolis, Maryland
Facility Identification Number: 2297
Nations Radio, LLC
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed May 18, 2009, on behalf of Nations Radio, LLC ("NR"). NR requests further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on September 20, 2004, to operate Station WBIS from a site other than the licensed site.¹

In support of the request, NR states that it was unable to finalize a lease agreement for the site specified in Construction Permit BP-20001023ADP, and that its efforts to find another site have been unavailing. NR further states that it has entered into an interference reduction agreement with the commonly owned licensee of Station WAGE, and has agreed to take all necessary action to accommodate WAGE's application for construction permit including, if necessary, surrender of the WBIS license. NR states that, pending Commission action on the WAGE proposal, it is not practicable to file an application to modify the WBIS facilities.

Our review indicates that Construction Permit BP-20071118AEM, which authorizes, *inter alia*, a change in frequency for Station WAGE from 1200 kHz to 1190 kHz, was granted on October 29, 2008, and that Special Operating Condition No. 6 of the permit requires surrender of the WBIS license for cancellation prior to the commencement of program tests by Station WAGE. However, our records also indicate that Station WAGE went silent on August 3, 2009. Under these circumstances, we find that the public interest will be served by permitting Station WBIS to continue serving its community in the interim via extension of the STA.

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

Transmitter site: _____ Licensed site of Station WNAV

¹ WBIS is licensed to Annapolis, Maryland, for operation on 1190 kHz with 10 kilowatts, daytime hours only, employing a directional antenna (DA-D-D).

Geographic coordinates: 38° 59' 00" N, 76° 31' 20" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency: 1190 kHz
Operating hours: Daytime only (hours as stated on current WBIS license)
Operating power: Not to exceed 0.875 kilowatt
Antenna type: Nondirectional
Radiator height: 168.1°
Antenna efficiency: 366.2 mV/m/km/kW²

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. NR 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 will terminate automatically upon surrender of the WBIS license.

If not terminated earlier as discussed herein, this authority expires on **February 7, 2010**.

Sincerely,



Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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² Millivolts per meter at one kilometer for one kilowatt input power.