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Re: University of Southern Mississippi  
WUSM-FM, Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
Facility Identification Number: 69214  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed August 21, 2009, on behalf of University of Southern Mississippi ("USM"). USM requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on February 27, 2009, to operate Station WUSM-FM with temporary facilities.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, USM states that its application for construction permit to relocate the station has been granted, and that it is in the process of securing funding for the new tower.

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 WUSM-FM may continue to operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates: 31° 18' 26" N, 89° 24' 47" W (NAD 1927)  
Channel 203 (88.5 MHz)  
Effective radiated power: Not to exceed 0.25 kilowatt (H&V)

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<sup>1</sup> WUSM-FM is licensed for operation on Channel 203A (88.5 MHz) with effective radiated power ("ERP") of 3 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain ("HAAT") of 86 meters. Construction Permit BPED-20090520ABG authorizes relocation of the transmitter, a decrease in ERP to 0.9 kW and an increase in HAAT to 165 meters.

Antenna type: Omnidirectional  
Antenna height:  
    above ground: 103 meters  
    above mean sea level: 213 meters  
    Above average terrain: 129 meters

USM 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 **February 24, 2010**.

Sincerely,



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cc: University of Southern Mississippi