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Wilson Cortez, President
Esfuerzo de Union Cristiana
10 South Prince Street, Suite 202
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Re: Esfuerzo de Union Cristiana
WVZN (AM), Columbia, Pennsylvania
Facility Identification Number: 25819
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Cortez:

This is in reference to the request filed October 20, 2009, on behalf of Esfuerzo de Union Cristiana ("EUC"). EUC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WVZN with temporary facilities.¹ In support of the request, EUC states that Station WVZN was ordered to cease operation from its previous STA site due to a local ordinance violation and that the station has been silent since November 3, 2008. EUC requests STA for operation with a temporary, long-wire antenna from a new site near the licensed site, pending the filing of an application for construction permit for new, permanent facilities.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provides for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filed with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(1) provides that AM stations may use a horizontal or vertical wire as an emergency antenna.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WVZN may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	40° 01' 28" N, 76° 28' 31" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1580 KHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	Not to exceed 0.5 kW daytime, 0.005 kW nighttime
Antenna type	long wire
Overall height	9.1 meters (30')

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. EUC 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.

¹ WVZN is licensed for operation on 1580 kHz with 0.5 kilowatt daytime and 0.005 kilowatt nighttime, employing a nondirectional antenna (ND-2-U).

This authority expires on **May 2, 2010**.

Notwithstanding the grant of this STA or the expiration date specified herein, **the station's license will expire as a matter of law if it does not resume broadcasting on or before November 3, 2009**. See Pub. Law No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, Section 403(1) (1996) and *Order, Silent Station Authorizations*, FCC 96-218 (released May 17, 1996). See also *Public Notice*, Expedited Processing of Applications Filed by Silent Stations, DA 96-818 (May 22, 1996). The licensee must notify the Audio Division immediately upon resumption of broadcasting.

STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, 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.

Sincerely,



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cc: Esfuerzo de Union Cristiana