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Re: Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC
WLXE (AM), Rockville, Maryland
Facility Identification Number: 54506
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed November 25, 2009, on behalf of Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC ("MRB"). MRB requests further extension and modification of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on January 11, 2007, to operate Station WLXE with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ In support of the request, MRB states that the station's nighttime directional antenna system was severely damaged by construction equipment and that repairs were nearly complete when a vehicle struck one of the station's guy anchors and caused the center tower to collapse. MRB states that it is seeking a new leasing agreement for restoration of licensed operation which will require local zoning approval.

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 been prevented from restoring licensed operation due to causes beyond its control and has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

¹ WLXE is licensed for operation on 1600 kHz with 1 kilowatt daytime and 0.5 kilowatt nighttime, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DA-N-U).

Accordingly, the request for modification and extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WLXE may continue to operate during daytime hours with an alternate tower and during nighttime hours with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 0.125 kilowatt. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. MRB must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² MRB 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 **June 10, 2010**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC

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