

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

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In re: WNTE(FM), Mansfield, PA  
Facility ID No. 39817  
Request for Special Temporary  
Authorization

Dear Dr. Hoy:

This letter refers to the March 5, 2010, request for Special Temporary Authorization (“STA Request”) filed on behalf of Mansfield University (the “Licensee”), licensee of expired Station WNTE(FM), Mansfield, Pennsylvania.

An application for renewal of WNTE(FM)’s license should have been filed by April 1, 2006. No such application was filed, and the station’s license expired on August 1, 2006. On March 5, 2010, the Licensee properly filed a license renewal application for WNTE(FM)<sup>1</sup> and the subject STA request.

In the STA Request, the Licensee explains that it received a notification that a license renewal application was due on April 1, 2006, but was “surprised” inasmuch as the Station had just been granted a license for modified facilities on February 15, 2006.<sup>2</sup> Licensee declares that it nevertheless began the process of electronically filing the WNTE(FM) renewal application an erroneously thought that it had completed the filing process. The Licensee requests permission to resume WNTE(FM) operations pending consideration of its (untimely) license renewal application.

Under Section 309(f) of the Communications Act,<sup>3</sup> when an appropriate application has been filed, the Commission may grant special temporary authorization if it finds that there are extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary operations in the public interest and that delay in the institution of such temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest. In

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<sup>1</sup> See File No. BRED-20100305ABL.


<sup>2</sup> See File No. BLED-20051025ABM, granted on February 16, 2006.

<sup>3</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 309(f).

this case, we believe that the public interest in continuing WNTE(FM)'s service to the residents of Mansfield, Pennsylvania, warrants continued operation of the station pending consideration and disposition of the WNTE(FM) renewal application.

Accordingly, the March 5, 2010, request for Special Temporary Authorization filed by Mansfield University IS GRANTED, and it may continue operation of WNTE(FM), Mansfield, Pennsylvania, with the facilities for which the license expired on August 1, 2006. This authorization will expire (1) 180 days from the date of this letter; or (2) upon action on the pending WNTE(FM) license renewal application, whichever is sooner.

Sincerely,

  
Peter H. Doyle, Chief  
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Media Bureau

cc: William K. Keane, Esq.