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Re: WFEA(AM), Manchester, New Hampshire
Facility Identification Number: 58543
Saga Communications of New England, Inc.
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed April 6, 2010, on behalf of Saga Communications of New England, Inc. ("Saga"). Saga requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on January 6, 2010, to operate Station WFEA during daytime hours with the authorized nighttime directional pattern.¹ In support of the request, Saga states that it has learned that antenna construction is planned for a tower adjacent to the WFEA array; thus, it would be prudent to delay detuning efforts until this work is complete.

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 WFEA is licensed for operation on 1370 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WFEA may continue to operate during daytime hours with its licensed nighttime directional pattern. It will be necessary to reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Saga must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² Saga 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 **November 14, 2010**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller".

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Saga Communications of New England, Inc.

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