

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
445 TWELFTH STREET SW
WASHINGTON DC 20554

MEDIA BUREAU
AUDIO DIVISION
APPLICATION STATUS: (202) 418-2730
HOME PAGE: www.fcc.gov/mb/audio/

ENGINEER: CHARLES N. (NORM) MILLER
TELEPHONE: (202) 418-2767
FACSIMILE: (202) 418-1410
E-MAIL: charles.miller@fcc.gov

June 23, 2010

John C. Trent, Esq.
Putbrese Hunsaker & Trent, P.C.
200 South Church Street
Woodstock, Virginia 22664

Re: Tiger Communications, Inc.
WTRP (AM), LaGrange, Georgia
Facility Identification Number: 66959
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed June 15, 2010, on behalf of Tiger Communications, Inc. ("TCI"). TCI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WTRP with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ In support of the request, TCI states that a windstorm caused the upper portion of the licensed tower to collapse, leaving the lower 60.7 meters (199 feet) standing. TCI requests STA to operate with the remaining portion of the tower as an emergency antenna, with reduced daytime power.

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.

Our review indicates that the request complies with Section 73.1680.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WTRP may continue to operate with emergency antenna facilities as described above. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. TCI must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² TCI 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 **December 23, 2010**.

STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the

¹ WTRP is licensed for operation on 620 kHz with 2.5 kilowatts daytime and 0.127 kilowatt nighttime, employing a nondirectional antenna (ND-2-U).

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

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,

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: Tiger Communications, Inc.