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Re: Benton-Weatherford Broadcasting Inc. of Tennessee
WMUF (AM), Paris, Tennessee
Facility Identification Number: 4805
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed July 30, 2010, on behalf of Benton-Weatherford Broadcasting Inc. of Tennessee ("BWB"). BWB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WMUF with a temporary nondirectional antenna and reduced power.¹ In support of the request, BWB states that it plans to install an FM Translator antenna and transmission line on one of the station's towers. Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with the technical provisions of Section 73.1615, which governs operation during modification of facilities.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WMUF may operate with a temporary nondirectional antenna and reduced power, not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts daytime and 0.625 kilowatt critical hours, only as necessary to facilitate the planned antenna construction work. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. BWB must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² BWB 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 3, 2010**.

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

¹ WMUF is licensed for operation on 1000 kHz with 5 kilowatts, daytime hours only (2.5 kilowatts critical hours), employing a directional antenna (DA-D-D).

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

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 stylized flourish at the end.

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cc: Benton-Weatherford Broadcasting Inc. of Tennessee