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Re: WDEL(AM), Wilmington, Delaware
Facility Identification Number: 16458
Delmarva Broadcasting Company
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed June 30, 2010, on behalf of Delmarva Broadcasting Company ("DBC"). DBC requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on March 30, 2010, to operate Station WDEL with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.¹ In support of the request, DBC states that it has replaced the antenna of co-located Station WSTW(FM), but that additional time is necessary to isolate and correct the problems with the WDEL antenna system.

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 made progress toward restoration of licensed operation, but additional time is required for completing the work. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WDEL may

¹ WDEL is licensed for operation on 1150 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns during daytime and nighttime hours. (DA-2-U).

continue to operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. DBC must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² DBC 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 **February 10, 2011**.

Sincerely,



Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Delmarva Broadcasting Company

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