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November 1, 2010

In Reply Refer to:
1800B3

Frederick A. Polner, Esq.
16 Forest Hills Drive
Madison, CT 06443

In re: DWQTQ(FM), Hartford, Connecticut
Facility ID No. 26311
Request for Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Mr. Polner:

This letter refers to the October 15, 2010, request for Special Temporary Authorization (“STA”) filed on behalf of the Hartford Board of Education (the “Board”), licensee of expired Station DWQTQ(FM), Hartford, Connecticut (the “Station”).

An application for renewal of DWQTQ(FM)’s license should have been filed by December 1, 2005. No such application was filed, and the Station’s license expired on April 1, 2006. Accordingly, on September 28, 2010, the staff wrote to the Board, indicating that the Station’s license had expired and that: (1) all authority to operate the Station was terminated; and (2) the Station’s call letters had been deleted from the Commission’s data base. The licensee was advised that any operation of the station was then unauthorized and must cease immediately.¹ Upon receipt of the *License Expiration Letter*, the Board ceased Station operations and tendered both a license renewal application for the Station² and a request for Special Temporary Authorization to continue station operations pending consideration of the license renewal application. It also filed a Petition for Reconsideration of the *License Expiration Letter* on October 18, 2010.

In the STA request, the Board indicates that the failure to file a timely renewal application for the Station is the result of an administrative oversight, as it did not realize that the Station’s license had expired and was under the mistaken impression that it had filed a renewal application for the Station. The Board now requests STA to resume Station operations pending consideration of the renewal application for Station DWQTQ(FM).

Under Section 309(f) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 309(f), when an appropriate application has been filed, the Commission may grant special temporary authorization if it finds that there are extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary operation

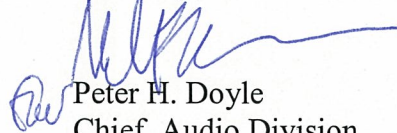
¹ *Letter to Hartford Board of Education*, Ref. 1800B3-KAW (Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau, Sep. 28, 2010) (the “*License Expiration Letter*”).

² See File No. BRED-20101015ABP.

is in the public interest and that delay in the institution of such temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest. In this case, we believe that the public interest in continuing DWQTQ(FM)'s noncommercial educational FM broadcast service to the residents of Hartford, Connecticut, warrants resumed operation of the station pending consideration and disposition of the (untimely) renewal application.

Accordingly, the October 4, 2010, request for Special Temporary Authorization filed by Hartford University IS GRANTED, and it may resume operation of DWQTQ(FM), Hartford, Connecticut, with the facilities for which the license expired on June 1, 2006. This authorization will expire: (1) 180 days from the date of this letter; or (2) upon action on the pending DWQTQ(FM) license renewal application, whichever is sooner. Grant of this authorization is without prejudice to whatever action, if any, the staff deems appropriate in light of the failure to file a timely license renewal application for DWQTQ(FM).

Sincerely,


Peter H. Doyle
Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Hartford Board of Education

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Section I - General Information

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	Firm or Company Name POLNER LAW OFFICE			
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4.	Service: FM			
5.	Community of License: City: HARTFORD State: CT			
6.	If this application has been submitted without a fee, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114): <input checked="" type="radio"/> Governmental Entity <input type="radio"/> Noncommercial Educational Licensee/Permittee <input type="radio"/> Other <input type="radio"/> N/A (Fee Required)			
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I hereby certify that the statements in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge that all certifications and attached Exhibits are considered material representations.

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing SHERYL MCLEAN-HOULE	Typed or Printed Title of Person Signing PRINCIPAL, HARTFORD JOURNALISM & MEDIA ACADEMY
Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 10/15/2010

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001), AND/OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION LICENSE OR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 47, SECTION 312(a)(1)), AND/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. CODE, TITLE 47, SECTION 503).

Exhibits

Exhibit 38

Description: REASON FOR STA

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT

Attachment 38

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REASON FOR STA

By letter, dated September 28, 2010, but not received until October 1, 2010, from James D. Bradshaw, Deputy Chief, Audio Division, Licensee was notified that the Commission has no record of receiving a license renewal application and that the license has expired by its own terms.

Upon receipt of the aforementioned letter, Licensee shut off its transmitter and the station remains dark.

Until receipt of the aforementioned letter, Licensee was unaware that its license had expired. Licensee was under the mistaken impression that it did place on file a renewal application. Licensee would like to restore its license and authorizations.

Licensee is filing with the Commission its renewal application for station license and a Petition for Reconsideration of the Commission's cancellation of its license and the deletion of its call letters.

The purpose of this STA request is to immediately reestablish the authority to broadcast using Facility # 26311 and the call letters WQTQ pending the Commission acting on its license renewal application and Petition for Reconsideration.

Under Section 309(f) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 309(f), the Commission may grant special temporary authority if it finds 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. Those extraordinary circumstances are present, here, and any delay would seriously prejudice the public interest.

FM broadcast station WQTW is the official radio broadcast station for the City of Hartford public schools. It has been on the air for approximately 30 years and has been broadcasting news, weather bulletins, public affairs programming, and public service announcements. It participates in the Emergency Alert System. It furnishes a vital public service to the City of Hartford and surrounding areas. It is the intention of the Licensee to immediately restore this vital public service upon approval by the Commission.