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Re: Baltimore City Community College
WBJC(FM), Baltimore, Maryland
Facility Identification Number: 3654
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed October 22, 2010, on behalf of Baltimore City Community College ("BCCC"). BCCC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WBJC with temporary facilities.[1] In support of the request, BCCC states that it is completing construction of modified WBJC antenna facilities authorized by Construction Permit BPED-20070823ADT. In order to maintain operation of Station WBJC during the antenna construction, BCCC requests STA for operation with a temporary antenna to be mounted on the existing antenna supporting structure of Station WRBS-FM.

Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with Section 73.1615, which governs operation during modification of facilities.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WBJC may operate with the following facilities:

Transmitter site	Existing site of Station WRBS-FM
Geographic coordinates:	39° 15′ 21″ N, 76° 40′ 29″ W (NAD 1927)
Channel	218 (91.5 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	Not to exceed 5 kilowatts (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	122 meters
above mean sea level:	189 meters
above average terrain:	124 meters

[1] WBJC is licensed for operation on Channel 218B (91.5 MHz) with effective radiated power of 50 kilowatts (Max-DA, H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 152 meters. Construction Permit BPED-20070823ADT authorizes modification of the licensed directional antenna pattern.

BCCC must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. BCCC 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 **January 26, 2011**.

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 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,

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