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December 23, 2010

Raymond C. Benedict
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Re: CBS Radio East Inc.
WAOK (AM), Atlanta, Georgia
Facility Identification Number: 63775
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Benedict:

This is in reference to the request filed December 22, 2010, on behalf of CBS Radio East Inc. ("CBS"). CBS requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WAOK with its substantially adjusted nighttime directional pattern.¹ In support of the request, CBS states that it is preparing to convert the WAOK license to a Method of Moments ("MOM") proof of performance.

Our review indicates that, due to the derivation of new operating parameters via MOM analysis, neither the currently licensed antenna monitor readings nor the licensed monitor point field strength limits will necessarily be applicable to the proposed STA operation with MOM-derived parameters.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WAOK may operate during nighttime hours with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Following completion of necessary measurements, equipment modifications and adjustments, WAOK may operate with its substantially adjusted nighttime directional antenna system pending the filing and processing of an application for modification of license supported by a MOM proof of performance, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 73.151(c). During this mode of operation, operating parameters shall be maintained within $\pm 5\%$ current ratios and $\pm 3^\circ$ phase of the MOM-derived parameters, which shall be posted with the station license along with a copy of this letter. It will be necessary to reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CBS must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's

¹ WAOK is licensed for operation on 1380 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 4.2 kilowatts nighttime, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DA-N-U). Construction Permit BP-20081023AAJ authorizes an increase in daytime power to 25 kilowatts.

exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **June 23, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller".

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: CBS Radio East Inc.