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Re: WIHM(AM), Taylorville, Illinois
Facility Identification Number: 42644
Covenant Network
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed March 2, 2011, on behalf of Covenant Network ("CN"). CN requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on September 3, 2010, to operate Station WIHM with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.¹ In support of the request, CN states that completion of repairs to the station's antenna system has been delayed by adverse weather conditions.

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 WIHM may continue to operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while

¹ WIHM is licensed for operation on 1410 kHz with 1 kilowatt daytime and 0.063 kilowatt nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns during daytime and nighttime hours. (DA-2-U).

maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Operation with a temporary nondirectional antenna, with reduced power not to exceed 0.25 kilowatt daytime and 0.015 kW nighttime also is authorized, only as necessary to facilitate the repair work. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CN must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² CN 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 12, 2011**.

Sincerely,

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

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Covenant Network

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