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Re: Northwestern College
K245AZ(FM), Dubuque, Iowa
Facility Identification Number: 152221
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed May 23, 2011, on behalf of Northwestern College ("NWC"). NWC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station K245AZ with temporary facilities.¹ In support of the request, NWC states that the station's antenna is being replaced with a two-bay antenna and relocated to a lower position on the tower because of interference to Ethernet antennas located on the tower above the licensed K245AX antenna position². NWC requests STA for operation with reduced antenna height and power in order to conduct testing to determine the appropriate operating power, after which an application for construction permit will be filed. Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation is not likely to result in interference to other stations.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station K245AZ may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	42° 30' 12" N, 90° 44' 54" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	245 (96.9 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	Not to exceed 0.135 kilowatt (H&V)
Antenna manufacturer and type:	Shively, model 6812B-2
Antenna height:	
above ground:	76 meters
above mean sea level:	347 meters
above average terrain:	88 meters

¹ K245AZ is licensed for operation on Channel 245D (96.9 MHz) with effective radiated power of 0.115 kilowatt (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 100 meters.

² A separate STA is requested for operation with the existing antenna pending its replacement with the antenna proposed herein.

NWC must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. NWC 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 24, 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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cc: Northwestern College