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Martin Hensley  
Hoosier Public Radio Corporation  
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Re: Hoosier Public Radio Corporation  
WRFM-FM, Wilkinson, Indiana  
Facility Identification Number: 173964  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Hensley:

This is in reference to the request filed February 16, 2011, on behalf of Hoosier Public Radio Corporation ("HPR"). HPR requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WRFM-FM with temporary facilities.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, HPR states that it has lost the use of the licensed site. HPR proposes operation with a temporary antenna from an existing church steeple located at 310 South Main Street, Wilkinson, with antenna elevation of 13 meters above ground level and reduced effective radiated power ("ERP") of 60 watts.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service<sup>2</sup> to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area<sup>3</sup> without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation fails to comply with the foregoing criteria, in that the proposed 60 dBu contour extends beyond the licensed contour toward the east. However, if the ERP is reduced to 25 watts, the extension will be eliminated. STA is granted with a power reduction to 25 watts ERP.

Accordingly, the request for STA is IS HEREBY GRANTED with a power reduction as discussed above. Station WRFM-FM may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	39° 53' 04" N, 85° 36' 26" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	206 (89.1 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	<b>Not to exceed 0.025 kilowatt (H&amp;V)</b>
Antenna height:	

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<sup>1</sup> WRFM-FM is licensed for operation on Channel 206A (89.1 MHz) with effective radiated power of 0.15 kilowatt (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 31 meters.

<sup>2</sup> For AM - 5 mV/m; for commercial FM - 3.16 mV/m; for noncommercial educational FM - 1.0 mV/m.

<sup>3</sup> For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

above ground:	13 meters
above mean sea level:	319 meters
above average terrain:	28 meters

It is anticipated that an application for construction permit will be filed prior to the expiration date below. HPR 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. The authority granted herein is without prejudice as to whatever action the Commission may take with regard to the operation of Station WRFM-FM prior to the date of this letter.

This authority expires on **August 17, 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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