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Deborah S. Proctor, General Manager Educational Information Corporation Box 828 Wake Forest, North Carolina 27588

Re: WCPE (FM), Raleigh, North Carolina

Facility Identification Number: 18831 Educational Information Corporation Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Ms. Proctor:

This is in reference to the request filed June 14, 2011, on behalf of Educational Information Corporation ("EIC"). EIC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WCPE with reduced power and/or antenna height.¹ In support of the request, EIC states that it plans to replace the guy wires on the station's tower. In order to maintain operation during the course of the work, EIC requests STA for operation from either its main or auxiliary antenna, with its main or auxiliary transmitter, and with reduced power as necessary for the protection of workers on the tower.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WCPE may operate from its licensed site with reduced power and/or antenna height, as necessary to facilitate the planned guy wire replacement. EIC must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. EIC 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 October 31, 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

WCPE is licensed for operation on Channel 209C (89.7 MHz) with effective radiated power ("ERP") of 100 kW (Max-BT, H&V) and antenna height above average terrain ("HAAT") of 359 meters. Auxiliary antenna BXLED-19990325KB is licensed for operation from the same site with ERP of 32 kW (H&V) and HAAT of 207 meters.

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,

Charles N. Miller, Engineer

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