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Re: Family Stations, Inc.  
WFME(FM), Newark, New Jersey  
Facility Identification Number 20886  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed August 19, 2011, on behalf of Family Stations, Inc. ("FSI"). FSI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WFME(FM) with temporary facilities.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, FSI states that Station WFME(FM) has been suffering from signal distortion that it believes is caused by the proximity of the licensed Station WFME(FM) transmitting facilities and a taller antenna supporting structure located only 31 meters away. FSI proposes temporary relocation of the licensed Station WFME(FM) transmitting antenna to the adjacent taller structure to conduct testing to determine if that relocation eliminates the signal problems that Station WFME(FM) has been experiencing. FSI requests STA to operate from the adjacent structure with reduced power and increased antenna height.

Our review indicates that good cause has been shown for grant of the requested STA, and that no interference to other stations is likely to result from the proposed temporary operation.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WFME(FM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	40° 47' 17" N, 74° 15' 19" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	234 (94.7 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	23.5 kilowatts (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	85 meters
above mean sea level:	274 meters
Above average terrain:	207 meters
FCC ASR	1044879

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<sup>1</sup> Station WFME(FM) is licensed for operation on Channel 234B (94.7 MHz) with effective radiated power of 37.2 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 174 meters.

Antenna manufacturer and type: Electronics Research, Inc., model SHPX-5AC, 5 bay, circularly polarized, nondirectional FM antenna with one-wavelength bay spacing.

FSI must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. FSI 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 **February 26, 2012**.

**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 "Susan N. Crawford", is written over a horizontal line.

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cc: Family Stations, Inc.