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Re: The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois
WILL (AM), Urbana, Illinois
Facility Identification Number: 68941
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed January 24, 2012, on behalf of The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois ("UI"). UI requests extension of the special temporary authority granted on August 2, 2011, ("STA") to operate Station WILL with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits, and with a temporary nondirectional antenna and reduced power.¹ In support of the request, UI states that completion of repair work was delayed when the contractor ceased operation for economic reasons. UI states that it is in the process of obtaining approval for a new contractor.

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 been prevented from restoring licensed operation due to causes beyond its control and has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

¹ WILL is licensed for operation on 580 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 0.1 kilowatt nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WILL may continue to operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Operation with a temporary nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts daytime and 0.025 kilowatt nighttime also is authorized, only as necessary to facilitate the planned maintenance work. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. UI must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² UI 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 **September 13, 1012**.

Sincerely,

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

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois

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