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Re: MLB-Richmond IV, LLC  
WWLB(FM), Midlothian, Virginia  
Facility Identification Number 54872  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed April 4, 2012, on behalf of MLB-Richmond IV, LLC ("MLB"). MLB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WWLB(FM) with reduced power using a temporary antenna mounted on the licensed Station WWLB(FM) antenna structure.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, MLB states that the Station WWLB(FM) transmission line is leaking and must be replaced. MLB also states that replacement of the transmission line is scheduled to commence on April 9, 2012, with completion expected within two weeks thereafter. In order to maintain service to the public during the replacement of the transmission line, MLB reports that it will be necessary to operate Station WWLB(FM) with reduced power and antenna height using a temporary antenna mounted on the licensed Station WWLB(FM) antenna structure below the licensed antenna.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WWLB(FM) may operate from its licensed site with the following facilities to facilitate replacement of the station's transmission line:

Channel:	255 (98.9 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	1.00 kilowatts (H&V)
Antenna manufacturer and type:	Shively, 1 bay, omnidirectional
Antenna height:	
above ground:	143 meters
above mean sea level:	221 meters
Above average terrain:	163 meters

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<sup>1</sup> Station WWLB(FM) is licensed (File No. BLH-20050308ABO) for operation on Channel 255 (98.9 MHz) with effective radiated power of 4.8 kilowatts (Max-DA, H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 227 meters.

MLB must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. MLB 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 **July 3, 2012**.

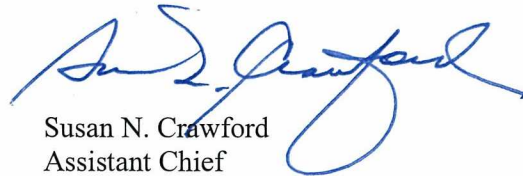
**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice 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,



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cc: MLB-Richmond IV, LLC