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In Re: DWBFZ(FM), Selma, Alabama
Facility ID No. 81739
Request for Special Temporary
Authorization
File No. BLSTA-20120418AAF

Dear Mr. Gutmann:

This letter refers to the April 18, 2012, request for Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") filed on behalf of Imani Communications, Inc. ("Imani"), licensee of expired Station DWBFZ(FM), Selma, Alabama (the "Station").

An application for renewal of DWBFZ(FM)'s license should have been filed by December 1, 2011. No such application was filed, and the Station's license expired on April 1, 2012. Accordingly, on April 6, 2012, the staff wrote to Imani, indicating that the Station's license had expired and that: (1) all authority to operate the Station was terminated; and (2) the Station's call letters had been deleted from the Commission's data base. The licensee was advised that any operation of the station was then unauthorized and must cease immediately.¹ Upon receipt of the *License Expiration Letter*, Imani discontinued Station operations and tendered: (1) a petition for reconsideration of the *License Expiration Letter*; (2) a license renewal application for the Station;² and (2) the subject request for STA to resume station operations pending consideration of the license renewal application.

In the STA request, Imani indicates that the station had filed a timely license renewal application for the Station, designated as File No. 20111201RAP, but failed to pay the requisite filing fee, and the application was never processed. Imani states that it first became aware of the problem when it received the *License Expiration Letter*, after which it promptly refiled the renewal application with the appropriate fee. Imani requests STA to resume operations pending consideration of the renewal application for Station DWBFZ(FM).

¹ *Letter to Imani Communications Corporation, Inc.* (MB Apr. 6, 2012) (the "*License Expiration Letter*").

² See File No. BRH-20120418AAD.

Under Section 309(f) of the Communications Act,³ when an appropriate application has been filed, the Commission may grant special temporary authorization if it finds that there are extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary operation is in the public interest and that delay in the institution of such temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest. In this case, we believe that the public interest in continuing DWBFZ(FM)'s broadcast service to the residents of Selma, Alabama, warrants resumed operation of the station pending consideration and disposition of the renewal application.

Accordingly, the April 18, 2012, request for Special Temporary Authorization filed by Imani Communications, Inc. IS GRANTED, and it may resume operation of Station DWBFZ(FM), Selma, Alabama, with the facilities for which the license expired on October 1, 2004. This authorization will expire: (1) 180 days from the date of this letter; or (2) upon action on the pending DWBFZ(FM) license renewal application, whichever is sooner. Grant of this authorization is without prejudice to whatever action, if any, the staff deems appropriate in light of the failure to file a timely license renewal application for DWBFZ(FM).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter H. Doyle", with a stylized initial "P" and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter H. Doyle, Chief
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cc: Imani Communications, Inc.

³ 47 U.S.C. § 309(f).