



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554
April 30, 2012

In Reply Refer to:
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Mr. Charles E. Jones, Jr.
Jones Communications, Ltd
P.O. Box 1249
Demopolis, AL 36732

In Re: DWVFG(FM), Uniontown, Alabama
Facility ID No. 30281
Request for Special Temporary
Authorization
File No. BLSTA-20120416ACV

Dear Mr. Gutmann:

This letter refers to the April 16, 2012, request for Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") filed on behalf of Jones Communications Ltd. ("Jones"), licensee of expired Station DWVFG(FM), Uniontown, Alabama (the "Station").

An application for renewal of DWVFG(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 Jones, 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*, Jones tendered a license renewal application for the Station² and the subject request for STA to resume station operations pending consideration of the license renewal application.

In the STA request, Jones indicates that the station had filed a timely license renewal application for the Station on December 1, 2011, but was unable to pay the requisite filing fee, and the application was never processed. Upon receipt of *License Expiration Letter*, it promptly refiled the renewal application with the appropriate fee. Jones requests STA to resume operations pending consideration of the renewal application for Station DWVFG(FM).

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 DWVFG(FM)'s broadcast service to

¹ Letter to Charles E. Jones, Jr. (MB Apr. 6, 2012) (the "License Expiration Letter").

² See File No. BRH-20120418ABB.

³ 47 U.S.C. § 309(f).

the residents of Uniontown, Alabama, warrants resumed operation of the station pending consideration and disposition of the renewal application.

Accordingly, the April 16, 2012, request for Special Temporary Authorization filed by Jones Communications Ltd. IS GRANTED, and it may resume operation of Station DWVFG(FM), Uniontown, Alabama, with the facilities for which the license expired on April 1, 2012. This authorization will expire: (1) 180 days from the date of this letter; or (2) upon action on the pending DWVFG(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 DWVFG(FM).

Sincerely,

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

Peter H. Doyle
Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau