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Re: WDEL(AM), Wilmington, Delaware
Facility Identification Number: 16458
Delmarva Broadcasting Company
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed May 18, 2012, on behalf of Delmarva Broadcasting Company ("DBC"). DBC requests further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on March 30, 2010, to operate Station WDEL with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.¹ In support of the request, DBC states that construction of a new tower in the vicinity of the WDEL array is now complete, and that additional time is required to complete a partial proof of performance.

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 made progress toward restoration of licensed operation, but additional time is required for completing the work. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

¹ WDEL is licensed for operation on 1150 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns during daytime and nighttime hours. (DA-2-U). Construction Permit BP-20111012ABT authorizes an increase in the daytime power to 10 kilowatts and changes to the daytime pattern.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WDEL may continue to operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. DBC must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² DBC 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 **December 4, 2012**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles N. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Delmarva Broadcasting Company

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)