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Re: Gerard Media, LLC
WIMS (AM), Michigan City, Indiana
Facility Identification Number: 39383
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed July 24, 2012, on behalf of Gerard Media, LLC ("GML"). GML requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on January 23, 2012, to operate Station WIMS during nighttime hours with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits, and with a nondirectional antenna and reduced power.¹ In support of the request, GML provides a report of its progress toward restoring the nighttime directional antenna system to licensed operation.

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.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WIMS may continue to operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor

¹ WIMS is licensed for operation on 1420 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

points within licensed limits. Operation with a temporary nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts also is authorized, only as necessary to facilitate the repair work. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. GML must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² GML 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 **February 8, 2013**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "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: Gerard Media, LLC

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