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Re: WBCK (AM), Battle Creek, Michigan
Facility Identification Number: 37459
Stratus Radio, LLC
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed August 6, 2012, on behalf of Stratus Radio, LLC ("Stratus"). Stratus requests further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on June 3, 2011, to operate Station WBCK during nighttime hours with the licensed daytime directional pattern and reduced power, following the collapse of one of the station's nighttime towers in a storm.¹ In support of the request, Stratus states that it has completed installation of a replacement tower and has filed an application for direct measurement of operating power, which remains pending.

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 substantial progress toward restoring licensed operation. Thus, extension of STA is warranted. Based on the information provided, the STA is modified to specify nighttime operation with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.

¹ WBCK is licensed for operation on 930 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 1 kilowatt nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, with modification as discussed above. Station WBCK may continue to operate during nighttime hours with parameters at variance 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. Stratus must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² Stratus 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 16, 2013**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller".

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Stratus Radio, LLC

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