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Re: State of Wisconsin - Educational Communications Board
WWSA, Brule, Wisconsin
Facility Identification Number: 63089
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed August 10, 2012, on behalf of State of Wisconsin - Educational Communications Board ("ECB"). ECB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WWSA with temporary facilities.¹ In support of the request, ECB states that it is in the process of replacing its antenna supporting structure with a new tower adjacent to the as existing site, as authorized by Construction Permit BPED-20120131ADY. ECB states that the existing tower is scheduled for demolition; however, it is unable to complete the full facilities authorized by the permit at this time because problems with the directional antenna pattern design have delayed delivery of the new antenna. ECB further states that it is currently evaluating the electrical service at the site with respect to the higher transmitter power required to achieve the authorized power. In order to remain on the air pending resolution of these issues, ECB requests STA for operation with temporary facilities from the new tower.

Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with the provisions of Section 73.1615, which governs operation during modification of facilities.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WWSA may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	46° 28' 00" N, 91° 33' 59" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	210 (89.9 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	38 kW (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	108 meters

¹ WWSA is licensed for operation on Channel 210C2 (89.9 MHz) with effective radiated power ("ERP") of 38 kW (H&V), and antenna height above average terrain ("HAAT") of 168 meters. Construction Permit BPED-20120131ADY authorizes an upgrade to Class C1, a slight relocation of the transmitter, an increase in ERP to 92 kW (Max-DA, H&V) and a decrease in HAAT to 157 meters. Application BMPED-20120807ABT proposes a change in the authorized directional antenna pattern.

above mean sea level: 519 meters
above average terrain: 157 meters

ECB 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 14, 2013**.

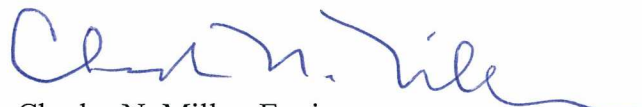
STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, 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.

Sincerely,



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