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Re: MCL/MCM Alabama, LLC
WATV (AM), Birmingham, Alabama
Facility Identification Number: 5356
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed August 13, 2012, on behalf of MCL/MCM Alabama, LLC ("MMA"). MMA requests further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on May 27, 2011, to operate Station WATV with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680, following destruction of the licensed tower by a tornado.¹ In support of the request, MMA states that a replacement tower has been ordered and delivered to a local warehouse, and that it is in the process of scheduling a construction crew for installation of the new tower.

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 WATV is licensed for operation on 900 kHz with 0.845 kilowatt daytime and 0.158 kilowatt nighttime, employing a nondirectional antenna (ND-2-U).

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WATV may continue to operate with an emergency long wire antenna. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. MMA must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² MMA 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 20, 2013**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: MCL/MCM Alabama, LLC

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