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Re: Communicom Co. of Louisiana, L.P.
WLNO (AM), New Orleans, LA
Facility Identification Number: 58393
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed September 12, 2012, on behalf of Communicom Co. of Louisiana, L.P. ("CCL") CCL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WLNO with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power.¹ In support of the request, CCL states that, on August 28-29, 2012, the station's transmitter building was severely damaged and equipment inside was destroyed by Hurricane Isaac. CCL states that it has installed a new 1 kW transmitter allowing the station to resume operation, and that a 5 kW transmitter will be installed once a temporary building is erected. CCL further requests that it be excused from recertification of its Method of Moments ("MOM") proof until it has restored the licensed antenna system.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provides for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filed with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(1) provides that AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna in lieu of authorized directional facilities shall operate with power reduced to 25 percent or less of the nominal licensed power, or a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth. Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with Section 73.1680. Because of the changed circumstances, the previous STA under which the station had been operating is cancelled.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. The previous STA, granted on September 7, 2011, and subsequently modified and/or extended, IS CANCELLED. Station WLNO may operate with a temporary nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed

¹ WLNO is licensed for operation on 1060 kHz with 50 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns for its daytime and nighttime operations (DA-2-U).

12.5 kilowatts daytime and 1.25 kilowatts nighttime. Following restoration of directional operation, Station WLNO may operate with parameters at variance and reduced power not to exceed 25 kW daytime and 2.5 kW nighttime. If the sampling system is not modified and operating parameters can be restored to licensed values, operation with full, licensed power may commence upon completion of the MOM recertification measurements and notification to the Commission; otherwise, an application for direct measurement of operating power must be filed, accompanied by a new MOM proof of performance². It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CCL must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.³ CCL 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 **March 13, 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: Communicom Co. of Louisiana, L.P.

² In this event, operation with full licensed power is authorized only as necessary for the taking of required reference measurements.

³ *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).