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Re: Bigler Broadcasting, LLC  
WAVH(FM), Daphne, Alabama  
Facility Identification Number: 3636  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed October 25, 2012, on behalf of Bigler Broadcasting, LLC ("BBL"). BBL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WAVH with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, BBL states that, on October 21, 2012, the licensed tower was demolished because it was deemed to be unsafe. BBL states that it has restored operation with an emergency antenna mounted on a nearby, existing tower, and requests STA for continued use of the emergency antenna while it evaluates available options for restoring licensed operation.

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)(2) provides that FM and TV stations may erect any suitable radiator, or use operable sections of the authorized antenna(s) as an emergency antenna. STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service<sup>2</sup> to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area<sup>3</sup> without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA. Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with the foregoing criteria.

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

Geographic coordinates: 30° 42' 34" N, 88° 09' 06" W (NAD 1927)  
Channel 293 (106.5 MHz)

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<sup>1</sup> WAVH is licensed for operation on Channel 293C2 (106.5 MHz) with effective radiated power of 50 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 137 meters.

<sup>2</sup> For AM - 5 mV/m; for commercial FM - 3.16 mV/m; for noncommercial educational FM - 1.0 mV/m.

<sup>3</sup> For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

Effective radiated power: 2.5 kilowatts (H only)  
Antenna height:  
    above ground: 125 meters  
    above mean sea level: 183 meters  
    above average terrain: 125 meters

BBL must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. BBL 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 **April 26, 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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cc: Bigler Broadcasting, LLC