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Re: YMF Media Mississippi Licensee LLC
WOAD (AM), Jackson, Mississippi
Facility Identification Number: 50404
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed November 21, 2012, on behalf of YMF Media Mississippi Licensee LLC ("YMF"). YMF requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WOAD with temporary facilities.¹ In support of the request, YMF states that antenna and transmission line work is being performed on the licensed tower. YMF states that the work requires Station WOAD to periodically operate with reduced power from the licensed tower of Station WSFZ on the same property.

Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation will result in service and interfering contours virtually identical to those of the licensed operation; thus, interference to other stations is not likely to occur.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WOAD may operate with temporary facilities as described above, as necessary to facilitate the planned work on the licensed tower. Simultaneous operation of Stations WOAD and WSFZ from the same tower shall not commence until sufficient diplexing equipment has been installed and properly adjusted to reduce all spurious emissions below the levels specified in 47 CFR Section 73.44(b). It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. YMF must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² YMF 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 **May 23, 2013**.

STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the

¹ WOAD is licensed for operation on 1300 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 1 kilowatt nighttime, employing a nondirectional antenna (ND-1-U).

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

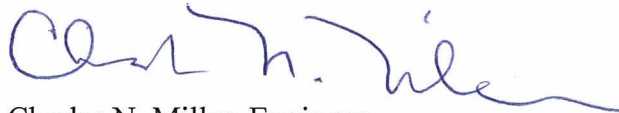
Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee 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,

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

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: YMF Media Mississippi Licensee LLC