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Re: Central Carolina Community College
WDCC (FM), Sanford, NC
Facility Identification Number: 9841
Special Temporary Authority
BSTA-20121213AAG

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed December 13, 2012, on behalf of Central Carolina Community College ("CCCC"). CCCC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WDCC with temporary facilities.¹ In support of the request, CCCC states that the transmitter malfunctioned and had to be turned off until repairs can be made, which it expects to complete within 90 days. In the meantime, the station is operating with an emergency antenna and an exciter unit at a nearby site (parameters below).

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 service² to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area³ without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA. We conclude that the instant request satisfies these criteria.

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

Geographic coordinates:	35° 28' 19" N, 79° 08' 36" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	213 (90.5 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.071 kilowatt (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	15 meters
above mean sea level:	129.5 meters
above average terrain:	46 meters

¹ WDCC is licensed to Sanford, NC, for operation on Channel 213A (90.5 MHz) with effective radiated power ("ERP") of 2.0 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain ("HAAT") of 72 meters.

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

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

CCCC must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310. CCCC shall advise the Commission when operation with licensed parameters resumes.

This authority expires on **March 20, 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: Central Carolina Community College