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December 20, 2012

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Re: Town of Monroe, Connecticut
WGRS(FM), Guilford, Connecticut
Facility Identification Number: 43527
Special Temporary Authority
BESTA-20121210ACT

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed December 10, 2012, on behalf of Town of Monroe, Connecticut ("TMC"). By letter dated December 19, 2012, I dismissed the STA request in light of the expedited grant of construction permit BMPED-20121212AAN. However, by e-mail on December 20, 2012 (copy attached), you clarified why the Town of Monroe still desires the STA for 1.90 kW ERP.

On review, I find that the STA request is warranted. My December 19, 2012 letter is **RESCINDED**, and this STA request is **GRANTED** with an expiration date coinciding with the expiration date of STA BSTA-20121116AJE (May 19, 2013). Specifically, TMC may commence operations with the facilities specified in construction permit BMPED-20121212AAM, with an ERP of 1.90 kW.

TMC 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.

TMC shall advise us of the date WGRS ceases operation with the separate STA, BSTA-20121116AJE (issued November 19, 2012)

This authority expires on **May 19, 2013**.

Sincerely,



Dale Bickel
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cc: Town of Monroe, Connecticut

Dale Bickel

From: Harold McCombs <HMcCombs@gsblaw.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2012 10:44 AM
To: Dale Bickel
Subject: WGRS(FM) Guilford CT STA Request

Dale --

Yesterday I left a voicemail message. I thought it might be useful to provide this e-mail as background.

The Town of Monroe is very grateful for the expedited processing on the application for modification of construction permit.

The new antenna is being assembled and should be installed over the next week or so, depending upon weather.

Unfortunately, the new transmitter needed to achieve the full authorized power cannot be ordered until Town officials approve the expenditure. That will not occur until sometime in January at the earliest. Therefore, completion of construction under the CP Mod is still a couple months away.

In the meantime, the only authority WGRS has to be on the air is contained in the November 19 STA, which authorized only 0.46 kW ERP at 36 meters HAAT.

What WGRS had hoped to achieve with its December 10 STA request is an increase in power, and thus coverage, using the new antenna and the old main transmitter. Together they can generate 1.9 kW ERP, but NOT the CP Mod power of 2.8 kW. I apologize if this was not made more clear in the STA request.

What I'd like to see is reinstatement and grant of the December 10 STA request.

However, you may have a better suggestion how best to proceed, and achieve greater coverage, during this interim period until construction of the new facilities can be completed.

Thank you.

Hal

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