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Re: WPAC (FM), Ogdensburg, NY
Stephens Media Group – Ogdensburg, LLC
Facility Identification Number: 77827
Special Temporary Authorization
BSTA-20130306AAW

Dear Mr. Powell:

This is in reference to the request filed March 6, 2013, on behalf of Stephens Media Group – Ogdensburg, LLC (“SMG”). SMG requests special temporary authority (“STA”) to operate Station WPAC with temporary facilities.¹ SMG reports that a lightning strike destroyed its facilities, and it requests an STA to operate WPAC with temporary facilities at the licensed transmitter site until repairs can be made.

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

Geographic coordinates:	44° 34' 43" N, 75° 30' 51" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	254A (98.7 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	2.14 kilowatts (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	76 meters
above mean sea level:	194 meters
Above average terrain:	100 meters

SMG 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. SMG must notify the Commission when licensed operations resume.

This authority expires on **September 9, 2013**.

¹ WPAC is licensed for operation on Channel 254A (98.7 MHz) with effective radiated power of 6.0 kilowatts (H&V) and an antenna height above average terrain of 100 meters.

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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