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Re: Communicom Co. of Louisiana, L.P.
WLNO (AM), New Orleans, LA
Facility Identification Number: 58393
Special Temporary Authority
BESTA - 20130311ABI

Dear Mr. Montero:

This is in reference to the request filed March 11, 2013, on behalf of Communicom Co. of Louisiana, L.P. ("CCL") CCL requests further extension of special temporary authority ("STA") granted on September 13, 2012, to operate Station WLNO with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power.¹ In support of the request, CCL states that, on August 28-29, 2012, the station's transmitter building was severely damaged and equipment inside was destroyed by Hurricane Isaac. CCL has installed a new 1 kW transmitter allowing the station to resume operation, and a 5 kW transmitter will be installed once a temporary building is erected. The station is thus now transmitting at 5 kW non-directional with a new transmitter and associated equipment from a new concrete transmitter shelter. The project is not complete due in part to delays caused by recent torrential rains and flooding. CCL further requests that it be excused from recertification of its Method of Moments ("MOM") proof until it has restored the licensed antenna system.

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

¹ WLNO is licensed for operation on 1060 kHz with 50 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns for its daytime and nighttime operations (DA-2-U).

- 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.

Our review indicates that the licensee has been prevented from restoring licensed operation due to causes beyond its control and has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WLNO may operate with a temporary nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 12.5 kilowatts daytime and 1.25 kilowatts nighttime. Following restoration of directional operation, Station WLNO may operate with parameters at variance and reduced power not to exceed 25 kW daytime and 2.5 kW nighttime. If the sampling system is not modified and operating parameters can be restored to licensed values, operation with full, licensed power may commence upon completion of the MOM recertification measurements and notification to the Commission; otherwise, an application for direct measurement of operating power must be filed, accompanied by a new MOM proof of performance². It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CCL must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.³ CCL 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 **September 13, 2013**.

Sincerely,



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cc: Communicom Co. of Louisiana, L.P.

² In this event, operation with full licensed power is authorized only as necessary for the taking of required reference measurements.

³ *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).