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Re: Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC  
WLXE(AM), Rockville, Maryland  
Facility Identification Number: 54506  
Special Temporary Authority  
BESTA-20130701AAM

Dear Mr. Lipp:

This is in reference to the request filed July 1, 2013 on behalf of Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC ("MRB"). MRB requests further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on January 2, 2013, to operate Station WLXE with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, MRB states that it has kept the Commission apprised of its on-going efforts to locate an alternate site or duplexing opportunity for WLXE. Unfortunately, securing a tower site for an AM station in the Rockville, Maryland, area is extremely difficult. So far, MRB has not been successful at locating a suitable site from which to operate WLXE on a permanent basis. MRB expanded its search outside the Rockville area and, as a result, may request a change in its city of license. For a fresh perspective, MRB is also seriously considering engaging a new consulting engineering firm to explore stand-alone sites and potential duplex partners. Meanwhile, the landlord's aggressive development of the WLXE transmitter site has eliminated MRB's ability to restore the WLXE nighttime directional antenna system. Accordingly, MRB respectfully requests an extension of its STA, pursuant to Sections 73.1635 and 73.1615 of the rules.

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

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<sup>1</sup> WLXE is licensed for operation on 1600 kHz with 1 kilowatt daytime and 0.5 kilowatt nighttime, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DA-N-U).

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.

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 WLXE may continue to operate during daytime hours with an alternate tower and during nighttime hours with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 0.125 kilowatt. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. MRB must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commissions exposure guidelines. See 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **January 2, 2014**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "JKong".

Jimmy Kong, Engineer  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC