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Lawrence Smith
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Re: Liggett Communications, L.L.C.
WPHM(AM), Port Huron, Michigan
Facility Identification Number: 25988
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in reference to the request filed July 25, 2013, on behalf of Liggett Communications, L.L.C. ("Liggett"). Liggett requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹

In support of the request, Liggett states that the STA will permit WPHM(AM) to investigate the cause of the problems effecting both the daytime and nighttime readings at the 78 degree monitor point and take necessary steps to resolve the problem.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WPHM(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Liggett must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² Liggett 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 **February 2, 2014**.

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

¹ WPHM(AM) is licensed for operation on 1380 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns during daytime and nighttime hours (DA-2-U).

² See 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)


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: Liggett Communications, L.L.C.