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Re: Communicom Co. of Louisiana, L.P.  
WLNO (AM), New Orleans, LA  
Facility Identification Number: 58393  
Special Temporary Authority  
BESTA-20130912ABW

Dear Mr. Montero:

This is in reference to the request filed September 12, 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.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, CCL states that during the preceeding six month period, the licensee began the restoration of the station's 50,000 watt facilities including the repair of water and condensation damage found in seven ATU enclosures, the repair of seven RF contactors, inspection and repair of seven tower ground systems, and an inspection of all transmission lines, messenger cables, and feedlines associated with seven broadcast towers to determine the extent of water damage. Additionally, the licensee commissioned a comprehensive construction study to ascertain the procedures necessary to abate and remove extensive asbestos panels found throughout the licensees previous transmitter building. The licensee also requests that it be excused from the required recertification of its moment method proof of performance in section 73.155, pending the return of WLNO to operation with authorized facilities. this recertification is impossible to perform until WLNO returns to authorized operations.

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;

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

- 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.

Our review indicates that the licensee has made progress toward restoration of licensed operation, but additional time is required for completing the work. 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 performance<sup>2</sup>. 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.<sup>3</sup> 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 **March 13, 2014**.

Sincerely,



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

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

<sup>3</sup> *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).