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November 21, 2013

Mr. Clark Parrish
World Radio Link, Inc.
160 Gooding Street West, Suite A
Twin Falls, ID 83301

Re: W235BQ (FX), Pell City, AL
Radio Assist Ministry, Inc.
Facility Identification Number: 150917
Special Temporary Authority
BSTA-20130821ADK

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed August 21, 2013, on behalf of Radio Assist Ministry, Inc. ("RAM"). W235BQ went silent on August 11, 2013 when the licensed tower collapsed. RAM must return W235BQ to operating status **no later than August 11, 2014** to avoid automatic cancellation of the station's license pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Communications Act. RAM has filed construction permit application BPFT-20130820ACD for a new transmitter site, but its request for expedited processing was not granted. The STA operation is sought to return this translator to operating status at another transmitter site.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

In the present instance, the 60 dBu service contour proposed for the STA lies wholly outside (and to the east of) the licensed facility's 60 dBu contour. In other words, the proposed STA operation would not restore service anywhere within the licensed service area. Although RAM's STA request states that no interference would be caused or received, such a change in service is more properly the focus of a construction permit application. Accordingly, RAM's STA request IS DISMISSED.

We remind the licensee that the station's license will expire as a matter of law upon twelve consecutive months of silence [ending **August 11, 2014**], notwithstanding the grant of the present STA. See Pub. Law No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, Section 403(1) (1996) and Order, *Silent Station Authorizations*, FCC 96-218 (released May 17, 1996). See also Public Notice, *Expedited Processing of Applications Filed by Silent Stations*, DA 96-818 (May 22, 1996). Please be

aware that unauthorized operations – operations with facilities not authorized by a current STA or license – do not count as a resumption of operations within one year for the purposes of Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, and cannot be used to avoid the consequences of Section 312(g). See *A-O Broadcasting Corporation*, FCC 08-10, 23 FCC Rcd 603, released January 8, 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dale E. Bickel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

Dale Bickel,
Senior Engineer
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cc: Radio Assist Ministries, Inc.