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Re: Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC
WKDM(AM), New York, New York
Facility Identification Number: 71137
Special Temporary Authority
BESTA-20131113AOH

Dear Mr. Lipp:

This is in reference to the request filed November 13, 2013, on behalf of Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC ("MRBL"). MRBL requests further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") originally granted on August 21, 2009, to operate Station WKDM pursuant to Section 73.1615.¹ In support of the request, MRBL states that it has become clear that construction activity will continue in this area for the foreseeable future. So that traditional proofs cannot be prepared. MRBL is, therefore, in the process of developing final plans to move forward with Method of Moment ("MOM") voltage licensing of WKDM. On October 24 and 25, 2013, MRBL's consulting engineer, Ron Rackley, visited the WKDM transmitter site to analyze and measure the sample and transmission lines and took extensive measurements which are required for the MOM filing. Additionally, MRBL has been in touch with Kintronic Labs and has secured a quote for the voltage samplers. Accordingly, MRBL requests permission to continue operating pursuant to its special temporary authority.

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 WKDM is licensed for operation on 1380 kHz with 5 kilowatts, unlimited hours, employing the same directional antenna pattern during daytime and nighttime hours. (DA-1-U). Construction Permit BP-20100909ABJ authorizes an increase in the nighttime operating power to 13 kilowatts, and changes to the nighttime pattern (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 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 WKDM may continue to operate pursuant to Section 73.1615 and the terms and conditions of Construction Permit BP-20100909ABJ. In particular, the following modes of operation are authorized:

1. During daytime hours, with a nondirectional antenna and operating power not to exceed 3.25 kilowatts, only for the purpose of nondirectional proof of performance measurements. Operating power shall be reduced to 1.25 kilowatts or less during any substantial period of time when measurements are not being taken.
2. During daytime hours, with the substantially adjusted daytime directional antenna pattern and power authorized by the permit.
3. During daytime hours, with the substantially adjusted nighttime directional antenna pattern and power authorized by the permit, only for final adjustment and proof of performance measurements. Nominal power shall be reduced to 5 kilowatts or less during any substantial period of time when measurements are not being taken.
4. During nighttime hours, with the substantially adjusted nighttime directional antenna pattern authorized by the permit, with reduced nominal power not to exceed 5 kilowatts.

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. MRBL 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 **May 13, 2014**.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Kong, Engineer
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cc: Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC