

Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554 January 15, 2014

In Reply Refer to: 1800B3

Mr. Douglas Combs Volunteer broadcasting, LLC P.O. Box 7 Woodbury, TN 37190

In Re:

DWBRY(AM), Woodbury, Tennessee

Facility ID No. 15530

Request for Special Temporary

Authorization

Dear Mr. Combs:

This letter refers to the August 29, 2012, request for Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") filed on behalf of Volunteer Broadcasting, LLC ("Licensee"), licensee of expired Station DWBRY(AM), Woodbury, Tennessee (the "Station").

Applications for renewal of Tennessee broadcast station licenses were to be filed by April 1, 2012. No such application apparently was filed, and the Station's license expired on August 1, 2012. Accordingly, on August 27, 2012, the staff wrote to the Licensee, indicating that the Station's license had expired and that: (1) all authority to operate the Station was terminated; and (2) the Station's call letters had been deleted from the Commission's data base. The licensee was advised that any operation of the station was then unauthorized and must cease immediately. Upon receipt of the *License Expiration Letter*, Licensee properly tendered a license renewal application for the Station; and (2) the subject request for STA to continue station operations pending consideration of the license renewal application. Licensee indicates that it in fact had timely filed a license renewal application for the Station on March 29, 2012, but because payment for that application was not tendered in a timely enough manner, the payment was not associated with the application and the application was dismissed.

Under Section 309(f) of the Communications Act,⁴ when an appropriate application has been filed, the Commission may grant special temporary authorization if it finds that there are extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary operation is in the public interest and that delay in the institution of such temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest. In this case, we believe that the public interest in continuing DWBRY(AM)'s broadcast service to the residents of Woodbury, Tennessee, warrants resumed operation of the station pending consideration and disposition of the renewal application.

¹ Letter to Volunteer Broadcasting, LLC (MB Aug. 27, 2012) (the "License Expiration Letter").

² See File No. BR-20120829AFF.

³ STA Request, Exhibit 38; see also BR-20120829AFF, Exhibit 1.

⁴ 47 U.S.C. § 309(f).

Accordingly, the August 29, 2012, request for Special Temporary Authorization filed by Volunteer Broadcasting, LLC IS GRANTED, and it may continue operation of Station DWBRY(AM), Woodbury, Tennessee, with the facilities for which the license expired on August 1, 2012.

This authorization will expire: (1) 180 days from the date of this letter; or (2) upon action on the pending DWBRY(AM) license renewal application, whichever is sooner.

Sincerely,

Peter H. Doyle

Chief, Audio Division

Media Bureau