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Re: W231BR (FX), Manchester, NH  
Saga Communications of New England, LLC  
Facility Identification Number: 140894  
Special Temporary Authority ("STA")  
BSTA-20140210AAA

Dear Counsel:

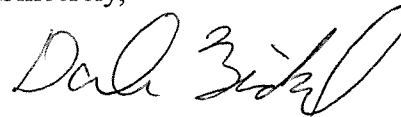
This letter responds to your request for Special Temporary Authority (STA) on behalf of Saga Communications of New England, LLC ("Saga"), filed February 10, 2014. Saga explains that it has received "undocumented interference complaints served informally to the applicant". Saga seeks authority to use one directional element of its existing antenna, at reduced ERP, to determine if that will resolve the interference complaints. Saga expects that it will resolve these issues within six months, and if the change is to be made permanent, will file a construction permit application on FCC Form 349 by that time.

The STA operation's service contour will remain wholly within the licensed W231BR service contour. We conclude that the temporary operation as proposed is warranted, and the STA is granted. The effective radiated power (ERP) is set at 0.170 kW, although the translator may operate at less power under this STA, as needed to address interference issues.

Saga must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. Saga must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **August 24, 2014**.

Sincerely,



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cc: Saga Communications of New England, LLC