

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
445 TWELFTH STREET SW
WASHINGTON DC 20554

MEDIA BUREAU
AUDIO DIVISION
APPLICATION STATUS: (202) 418-2730
HOME PAGE: www.fcc.gov/mb/audio/

ENGINEER: Dale Bickel
TELEPHONE: (202) 418-2706
FACSIMILE: (202) 418-1410
E-MAIL: dale.bickel@fcc.gov

May 7, 2014

Gary S. Smithwick
Smithwick and Belendiuk, P.C.
5028 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Suite 301
Washington, DC 20016

Re: W231BR (FX), Manchester, NH
Saga Communications of New England, Inc.
Facility Identification Number: 140894
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BSTA-20140502ABA

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed May 2, 2014, on behalf of Saga Communications of New England, Inc. ("Saga").¹ Saga explains that it received an interference complaint while operating with the parameters authorized by STA BSTA-20140310ADG (changed directional pattern). Saga is reviewing the complaint, and in the meantime is requesting an STA to operate with those STA same facilities with reduced ERP values, up to a maximum of 0.100 kW.

Unlike regular FM broadcast stations, FM translators are required to submit a construction permit application for any change in antenna. *See* 47 CFR Sections 74.1251(a) and (b). Saga's modified directional pattern will not result in the extension of the 60 dBu service contour beyond the currently licensed 60 dBu contour.

An STA will enable the licensee to address the interference complaint while maintaining service. Accordingly, an STA for operation with the requested directional pattern, at effective radiated powers up to a maximum of 0.100 kW, IS GRANTED for a period of 180 days. This STA is conditioned on Saga filing a construction permit application on FCC Form 349 within 45 days of the date of this letter.² Additionally, Saga is responsible for addressing interference complaints that may arise from this STA operation. 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.

¹ Saga was previously granted STA BSTA-20140310ADG, for operation with the same facilities at 0.250 kW ERP. That STA is hereby CANCELLED.

² This STA does not presuppose that a modification application will be grantable.

This authority expires on **November 3, 2014**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dale E. Bickel". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Dale Bickel
Senior Engineer
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Saga Communications of New England, Inc.