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Re: V

WPRT-FM, Pegram, TN

Montgomery Broadcasting Company Facility Identification Number: 43630 Special Temporary Authority (STA)

BSTA-20140515AGJ

## Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed May 15, 2014, on behalf of Montgomery Broadcasting Company ("MBC"). MBC explains that WPRT-FM's antenna suffered a catastrophic failure on May 6, 2014, and that the licensee re-commenced broadcasting with an emergency antenna (the licensed facilities of FM translator W271AB) to resume operation on Channel 273 with reduced coverage. MBC requests Special Temporary Authority (STA) to continue operating with these facilities until the coaxial cable and antenna can be replaced for its licensed facility.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provides for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filed with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(2) provides that FM and TV stations may erect any suitable radiator, or use operable sections of the authorized antenna(s) as an emergency antenna.

Consideration of an STA request for continued use of an emergency antenna, that involves a change in transmitter site, focuses on three primary elements: (1) STA facilities should continue to provide service to the licensed community; (2) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area, without extending it; and (3) 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 of the emergency STA facility does not approach the boundaries of the community of license. Even so, we conclude that an STA is warranted for a limited period, and will grant the initial STA for a 90 day period.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WPRT-FM may continue to operate with the following temporary facilities:

Coordinates

36° 08' 27" NL, 86° 51' 56" WL (NAD 27)

Channel

273 (102.5 MHz)

Effective radiated power:

up to 0.44 kilowatts (H&V)

Antenna height:

above ground:

215 meters

above mean sea level:

421 meters

Above average terrain:

246 meters

Antenna Structure Registration No.: 1050735

MBC must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. MBC 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 17, 2014.

Sincerely,

Dale Bickel Senior Engineer Audio Division Media Bureau

cc: Montgomery Broadcasting Company