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Re: WNVE (FM), Ceiba, PR

Western New Life, Inc.

Facility Identification Number: 3250 Special Temporary Authority (STA)

BSTA-20140908AED

## Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed September 8, 2014, on behalf of Western New Life, Inc. ("WNL"). WNL explains that WNVE has been causing serious interference to AT&T cellular operations, and that engineers from the station and AT&T have been unable to resolve the issue to date. WNVE recently went silent to mitigate the interference. WNL seeks Special Temporary Authority (STA) to resume temporary operations from a nearby tower while the complex interference issues are worked on. Should the inteference matter be resolved, WNVE will resume operation with its licensed parameters. WNL's proposed directional STA operation will keep the 60 dBu STA service contour entirely within WNVE's 60 dBu licensed service contour.

The request for STA is justified and IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WNVE may commence operation with the following temporary facilities:

Channel 269A (101.7 MHz)

Effective radiated power: 0.623 kilowatts (H&V) Directional <sup>1</sup>

Antenna height:

above ground: 16 meters above mean sea level: 299 meters Above average terrain: 195 meters Antenna Structure Registration No.: 1233151

<sup>1</sup> If this temporary directional antenna will later be used for a licensed main or auxiliary facility, WNL will then be required to provide the usual directional pattern measurement results, a surveyor's statement, and a statement from the engineer overseeing the installation of the antenna.

WNL must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WNL 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 March 10, 2015.

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STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, 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
- 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.

Sincerely,

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