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Re: WESS (FM), East Stroudsburg, PA
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
Facility Identification Number: 18247
Special Temporary Authority
BESTA-20150325AAW

Dear Mr. D'Adversa:

This is in reference to the request filed March 25, 2015, on behalf of East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania ("ESUP"). ESUP requests a fourth extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted January 9, 2013 to operate Station WESS from the nearby site specified in its construction permit BPED-20120308AAP,¹ at 1.0 kW ERP. WESS holds a construction permit for new directional facilities, but recently has decided to apply for a nondirectional operation, and the licensee will prepare construction permit application for that purpose. Continued STA operation is needed because the building which supports WESS' licensed operations has been demolished. This STA request maintains the presently licensed coverage of WESS.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. WESS may continue to operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	40° 59' 55" N, 75° 10' 21" W (NAD 1927)
Channel/Class:	212A (90.3 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	1.00 kilowatt (H & V) nondirectional
Antenna height:	
above ground:	33 meters
above mean sea level:	189 meters
Above average terrain:	-42 meters

¹ Construction permit BPED-20120308AAP expires May 16, 2015.

ESUP 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 **September 27, 2015**.

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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