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Re: Mel Wheeler, Inc.  
WFIR(AM), Roanoke, Virginia  
Facility Identification Number: 31138  
BP-20100722CZV (Construction Permit)  
BL-20140930APN (License Application)  
Program Test Authority

WVBE(AM), Roanoke, Virginia  
Facility Identification Number: 41111  
BZ-20140930APO (Partial Proof of Performance)

Dear Mr. Ramsey:

This is in reference to the above captioned license application and the request for program test authority for station WFIR(AM), and the partial proof of performance for station WVBE(AM).

Authority is granted WFIR (AM) to conduct daytime limited program tests in accordance with Construction Permit BP-20100722CZV and Section 73.1620 on 960 kHz with a daytime nominal power of 10.0 kilowatts. Program tests are authorized with a daytime antenna input power of 10.0 kilowatts (daytime current of 10.94 amperes). This authority expires on **January 24, 2015**.

A preliminary review of the license application indicates that the input power of 9.41 kilowatts (based on the antenna current of 10.65 amperes and the antenna resistance of 83 ohms) is less than the nominal power of 10 kilowatts, in violation of Section 73.51(b) of the Commission's rules. Therefore, it is necessary to correct the antenna current in order to meet the input power of 10.0 kilowatts. In addition, the measurements were not analyzed by the arithmetic average or logarithmic average as required by Section 73.154. Finally, the reading of the monitor points of radials 225° daytime and 238° nighttime must be provided.

Further action on the subject application will be withheld for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of this letter to provide an opportunity to file an amendment. Failure to respond or file an amendment within this time period will result in the dismissal of the application pursuant to Section of 73.3568.

Sincerely



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