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Re: WCTQ(FM), Sarasota, Florida  
Facility Identification Number: 48672  
Citicasters Licenses, LP  
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed January 31, 2007, on behalf of Citicasters Licenses, LP ("Citicasters"). Citicasters requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WCTQ pursuant to Section 73.1615.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, Citicasters states that it has completed installation of the antenna authorized by Construction Permit BPH-20050121AKW, which necessitated removal of the licensed antenna. Citicasters states that it has met all conditions of the permit with the exception of a required post-construction partial proof of performance on AM Station WBRD. Citicasters states that the proof is underway, but will not be completed within the ten day window for filing a license to cover its permit.

Section 73.1615, which governs operation during modification of facilities, provides that licensees holding construction permits for modification of directional or nondirectional FM and TV or nondirectional AM facilities may discontinue operation, may operate with temporary facilities to maintain, as nearly as possible, but not exceed, the size of the currently licensed coverage area. Such operation may commence upon notification to the FCC, and may continue for a period not exceeding 30 days. Should it be necessary to continue such operation beyond 30 days, a request for STA must be filed prior to the 30th day.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WCTQ may continue to operate with the facilities authorized by Construction Permit BPH-20050121AKW. It is anticipated that an application for license to cover the permit will be filed prior to the expiration date below. Citicasters must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. See 47 CFR § 1.1310.

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<sup>1</sup> WCTQ is licensed for operation on Channel 293C2 (106.5 MHz) with effective radiated power ("ERP") of 13 kilowatts (Max-DA, H&V) and antenna height above average terrain ("HAAT") of 178 meters. Construction Permit BPH-20050121AKW authorizes the installation of an omnidirectional antenna with no change in ERP or HAAT.

This authority expires on **May 27, 2007**.

**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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cc: Citicasters Licenses, LP