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Linda Jerome, President
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Re: Indiana Community Radio Corporation (ICRC)
WRFM(AM), Muncie, IN
Facility Identification Number: 1724
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20151120ATS

Dear Ms. Jerome:

This is in reference to the request filed on November 20, 2015. ICRC requests further extension of the STA originally granted on September 2, 1999, to operate with reduced power and employing a temporary ND antenna (due to loss of the licensed site facility).¹ In support of the request, ICRC states that its engineer (Mr. Beverage) is evaluating the new final rule changes released in October in order to advise further on the filing of the required FCC Form 301 application.

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.

ICRC must file an acceptable FCC Form 301 application to propose a new site facility after the new final rules become effective in the Federal Register, which we anticipate should

¹ WRFM is licensed for DA operation on 990 kHz with 0.25 kW day and 0.001 kW night.

occur within the next 60 days. See *Revitalization of the AM Radio Service*, First Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, and Notice of Inquiry, FCC 15-142, rel. Oct. 23, 2015). As a result, ICRC should plan on filing the 301 application before the expiration date shown below to show that substantial progress has been made toward restoration of licensed operations. It should be noted that any proposal filed by ICRC most likely will require the use of a directional antenna to protect all other stations, as Mr. Beverage has already indicated in his preliminary review, since the old licensed facility required use of a six tower directional array.


Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and station WRFM may continue to operate with the following facilities:

Transmitter site:	3908 West 30th Street, Muncie, IN
Coordinates:	40° 09' 35" N, 85° 25' 55" W (NAD27)
Frequency:	990 kHz
Operating hours:	Unlimited
Operating power:	not to exceed 0.062 kW daytime, 0.001 kW nighttime
Antenna:	existing ND folded unipole tower

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. ICRC 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.

This authority expires on **June 18, 2016**.

Sincerely,



Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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