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August 12, 2016

Ms. Lois Mills
Calvary Chapel of Twin Falls, Inc.
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Re: W204BP (FX), Eau Claire, WI
Calvary Chapel of Twin Falls, Inc.
Facility Identification Number: 91966
Special Temporary Authority
BSTA-20160811AAL

Dear Ms. Mills:

This is in reference to your request filed August 11, 2016 on behalf of Calvary Chapel of Twin Falls, Inc. ("CCTF"). CCTF requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate W204BP with temporary facilities. CCTF must return W204BP to operating status **no later than August 24, 2016** to avoid automatic cancellation of the station's license pursuant to Section 312(g) of the Communications Act.

CCTF holds construction permit BPFT-20150210AAP for the same transmitter site sought in this STA request, but that permit specifies a greater tower height and greater antenna heights. That new tower has not yet been built. CCTF requests STA for facilities equivalent to the construction permit until the existing tower is replaced with the taller one. CCTF cannot return to the licensed transmitter site for temporary or permanent operations.¹

The STA is granted for operation with the following parameters:

Geographic coordinates:	44° 51' 02" N, 91° 25' 24" W (NAD 27)
Channel	204D (88.7 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.019 kW (H & V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	41 meters
above mean sea level:	376 meters
above average terrain:	91 meters
Antenna Struction Registration No.:	1035551

¹ The STA 60 dBu covers very little of the licensed 60 dBu service area. Normally we would require a construction permit for the changes sought in this STA request. However, CCTF provides sufficient evidence that progress continues on a replacement tower, underscoring the temporary nature of the proposed STA operation.

On the same date that W204BP commences operations pursuant to this STA, the licensee (or its representative) shall confirm the start of STA operations via an e-mail to Dale Bickel, dale.bickel@fcc.gov. This date will be entered into the Commission's CDBS database to indicate that the station has resumed broadcasting. CCTF must also file a Resumption of Operations notice in the Commission's CDBS database system.

CCTF 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 February 7, 2017.

We remind the licensee that the station's license will expire as a matter of law upon twelve consecutive months of silence [**ending August 24, 2016**], notwithstanding the grant of the present STA. See Pub. Law No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, Section 403(1) (1996) and Order, Silent Station Authorizations, FCC 96-218 (released May 17, 1996). See also Public Notice, *Expedited Processing of Applications Filed by Silent Stations*, DA 96-818 (May 22, 1996). Please be aware that unauthorized operations – operations with facilities not authorized by a current STA or license – do not count as a resumption of operations within one year for the purposes of Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, and cannot be used to avoid the consequences of Section 312(g). See *A-O Broadcasting Corporation*, FCC 08-10, 23 FCC Rcd 603, released January 8, 2008.

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dale Bickel". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Bickel
Senior Engineer
Audio Division
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cc: Cary Tepper (via e-mail only)