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Re: Capstar TX Limited Partnership

WIBA (AM), Madison, Wisconsin Facility Identification Number: 17384

Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed May 30, 2007, on behalf of Capstar TX Limited Partnership ("Capstar"). Capstar requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WIBA with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits, and with a nondirectional antenna and reduced power.\(^1\) In support of the request, Capstar states that the station's monitoring points were discovered to be out of tolerance, and that it has begun, but not yet completed, its investigation into the possible causes.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WIBA may operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Operation during nighttime hours with a nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts also is authorized, only as necessary to facilitate the repair work. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Capstar must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² Capstar 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 **September 13, 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

¹ WIBA is licensed for operation on 1310 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DA-N-U).

² See 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b).

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,

Charles N. Miller, Engineer

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cc: Capstar TX Limited Partnership