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Re: WQBQ(AM), Leesburg, Florida
Facility Identification Number: 73913
Rama Communications, Inc.
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Mr. Trent:

This is in reference to the request filed February 26, 2007, on behalf of Rama Communications, Inc. (RCI). RCI requests special temporary authority ("STA") for operation of Station WQBQ at variance from its licensed pattern¹.

In support of the request, RCI states that former licensee Gateway Broadcasting and Internet, Inc. ("GBI") obtained Construction Permit BP-20010514AAG, to add a second tower and increase daytime power to 10 kilowatts. RCI states that, due to bankruptcy of GBI, work on the upgrade was halted. RCI requests STA for operation with its pattern at slight variance due to the presence of the inactive second tower, pending the filing of a new application for construction permit.²

Our review indicates that STA is unnecessary. Station WQBQ is licensed for nondirectional operation; consequently, there is no issue of directional antenna parameter variances. We note that the second, inactive tower is 77.4° in electrical height; such towers commonly do not require detuning networks, but may simply be "floated" during nondirectional operation with little adverse impact on the nondirectional pattern.

If RCI has reason to believe that the base resistance of the licensed tower differs from the value shown on the license as a result of the presence of the second tower, the station should operate

¹ WQBQ is licensed for operation on 1410 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 0.09 kilowatt nighttime, employing a nondirectional antenna (ND-1-U).

² The permit expired on January 14, 2005. License Application BL-20050114AFI was dismissed by the staff on March 23, 2006, which caused cancellation of the permit on its expiration date.

via the indirect method of determining operating power. Such operation does not require prior authority from the Commission. See Section 73.51(d). If RCI wishes to pursue the previously authorized modification, it must file an application on Form FCC 301 for a new construction permit. Otherwise, the second tower should be dismantled and, if necessary, an application for direct measurement of operating power on Form FCC 302-AM should be filed. See Section 73.45(c).

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY DISMISSED. This action is taken pursuant to 47 CFR § 0.283.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charles" being the most prominent part.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Rama Communications, Inc.