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Re: WKBA(AM), Vinton, Virginia
Facility Identification Number: 67180
Tinker Creek Broadcasters, Inc.
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed February 12, 2007, on behalf of Tinker Creek Broadcasters, Inc. ("TCB"). TCB requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted August 11, 2006, to operate Station WKBA with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ In support of the request, TCB states that it has replaced one of the station's towers which collapsed in a storm; however, completion of repairs has been delayed by adverse weather conditions.

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.

Our review indicates that the licensee has made progress toward restoration of licensed operation, but additional time is required for completing the work. Thus, extension of STA is warranted. In light of the information provided, the STA will be modified appropriately.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WKBA may

¹ WKBA is licensed for operation on 1550 kHz with 10 kilowatts, daytime hours only, employing a directional antenna (DA-D-D).

operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Operation with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 2.5 kilowatts also is authorized, only as necessary to facilitate completion of repairs. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. TCB must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² TCB 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 **December 13, 2007**.

Sincerely,

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

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Tinker Creek Broadcasters, Inc.

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