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April 7, 2004

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Re:

WPTK(AM), Pine Island Center, FL Facility Identification Number: 48329 Fort Myers Broadcasting Company Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Belisle:

This is in reference to your letter of March 26, 2004, filed on behalf of Fort Myers Broadcasting Company (FMBC) accompanied by a letter from Gary W. Gardner, Vice President of FMBC, and an engineering statement from Mr. James M. Johnson. Extension is requested of the Special Temporary Authority (STA) originally granted January 25, 1989, for operation of Station WPTK (formerly WINK) with a power level of 2.2 kilowatts during nighttime hours to overcome continuing skywave interference from a 10 kilowatt Cuban facility operating on 1200 kHz. In support of the request for extension of STA, Mr. Gardner states that the facts justifying the original STA continue. Mr. Johnson states that the Cuban operations continue to be a source of interference to WPTK.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. WPTK may continue to operate with a power level of 2.2 kilowatts during nighttime hours to overcome continuing Cuban interference, employing the three licensed daytime towers, but with directional antenna parameters as specified in BZ-970117AC. This authority is subject to termination upon reduction of power or cessation of operation by the Cuban station or upon Commission instruction to WPTK at which time WPTK must return to licensed operation. WPTK must reduce power if complaints of interference are received.

This authority expires October 7, 2004.

Sincerely,

Edward P. DeLaHunt, Deputy Chief

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cc: Fort Myers Broadcasting Company

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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Federal Communications Commission Mass Media Services P.O. Box 358190 Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5190

Facility ID: 48329

RE:

Station WPTK (AM), Pine Island Center, Florida

Extension of STA for Cuban Interference

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Transmitted on behalf of Fort Myers Broadcasting Company, please find an original plus two copies of a request to extend the Special Temporary Authority under which Station WPTK(AM) (formerly WINK), Pine Island Center, Florida, operates due to Cuban interference. As demonstrated in the attached STA request, the interference that Station WPTK has been experiencing from Cuban sources continues and the need for Special Temporary Authority to operate with increased facilities at night remains.

The tendered extension request was due to be filed before August 20, 2003. It is tendered late due to inadvertence. The interference which was the basis for granting the STA in the first instance remains, and the STA is still necessary to overcome this interference. Under these circumstances, the applicant asks that this request be accepted and granted as if it were timely filed.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph A. Belisle

Counsel for Fort Myers Broadcasting Company

cc: Mr. Gary Gardner (Public Inspection File)

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FORT MYERS BROADCASTING COMPANY

Federal Communications Commission Mass Media Services P. O. Box 358190 Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5190

RE: Station WPTK (AM), Pine Island Center, Florida.

STA For Cuban Interference

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Fort Myers Broadcasting Company requests an extension of the attached Special Temporary Authority to operate with parameters at variance from its license to compensate for Cuban interference. As demonstrated in the attached statement of James M. Johnson and Associates, Station WPTK (formerly WINK) experiences intermittent interference from a station operation on 1200 kHz from Cuba. The original STA was granted to compensate for the effects of this Cuban interference. The facts justifying that the original STA continue. Accordingly, Fort Myers Broadcasting Company requests an extension of its authority to operate with the facilities specified in the attached STA.

Fort Myers Broadcasting Company certifies that neither it nor any party to its STA request is subject to denial of Federal Benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Sec. 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Sec. 862.

FORT MYERS PROADCASTING COMPANY

By:

Vice President General Manager

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March 19, 2004

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Fort Myers Broadcasting Company, licensee of WPTK(AM), (Formerly WINK), Pine Island Center, Florida has been operating with Special Temporary Authority to compensate for Cuban interference.

The Cuban operations were monitored this week in the Florida Keys and they continue to be a source of interference to WPTK.

Continued Special Temporary Authority will help overcome the interference to the WPTK service area.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Johnson

Engineering Consultant for

Fort Myers Broadcasting Company

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February 20, 2003

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Re:

WINK(AM), Pine Island Center, FL

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Fort Myers Broadcasting Company Special Temporary Authority

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