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Re: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
WSDP(FM), Plymouth, Michigan
Facility Identification Number: 52840
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Keith:

This is in reference to the requests filed February 29 and March 4, 2008, on behalf of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools ("PCCS"). PCCS requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WSDP with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ In support of the request, PCCS states that notified the Commission on February 13 that it was operating with reduced power due to icing on its antenna. PCCS states that it filed its initial request for STA on February 29, then notified the Commission that licensed operation had been restored, by letter dated March 3, 2008. PCCS further states that problems have been discovered with its antenna system which will require replacement of the antenna, and requests STA for operation with an emergency antenna to be mounted on a tripod adjacent to the licensed tower. PCCS provides technical details of the proposed emergency antenna operation.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provides for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filed with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(2) provides that FM and TV stations may erect any suitable radiator, or use operable sections of the authorized antenna(s) as an emergency antenna.

Accordingly, the March 4, 2008, request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and the February 29, 2008, request IS DISMISSED as moot. Station WSDP may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	42° 20' 50" N, 83° 29' 51" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	201 (88.1 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.075 kilowatt (V only)
Antenna type	Vertical radiator with ground plane
Antenna height:	
above ground:	15 meters

¹ WSDP is licensed for operation on Channel 201A (88.1 MHz) with effective radiated power of 0.2 kilowatt (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 22 meters.

above mean sea level: 235 meters
Above average terrain: 6 meters

PCCS must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. PCCS 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 6, 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,



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cc: Plymouth-Canton Community Schools