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Re: Vox Communications Group, LLC

WBEC (AM), Pittsfield, Massachusetts Facility Identification Number: 2714

Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed November 8, 2007, on behalf of Vox Communications Group, LLC ("VCG"). VCG requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on April 20, 2007, to operate Station WBEC with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.\(^1\) In support of the request, VCG states that a beaver dam has been removed and the flood waters at the station's transmitter site have subsided and that repairs are commencing; however, completion of the repairs will take some time.

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 substantial progress toward restoring licensed operation. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WBEC may operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed

¹ WBEC is licensed for operation on 1420 kHz with 1 kilowatt daytime and 1 kilowatt nighttime, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DA-N-U).

limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. VCG must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² VCG 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 November 6, 2008.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Miller, Engineer

Audio Division Media Bureau

cc: Vox Communications Group, LLC

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