

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Mr. Lee Williams, Manager  
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P.O. Box 987  
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WAAO-FM; Andalusia, Alabama  
In re: Companion Broadcasting Co.,  
Inc.  
BLH-870914KC

Gentlemen:

This letter is in reference to the above-captioned license application for WAAO-FM, Andalusia, Alabama. The license application was filed to cover construction permit BPH-840919JC.

Construction permit BPH-840919JC was granted on April 2, 1987 subject to the condition that applications to return to direct power measurement be filed for AM stations WAAO and WKYD (now WWSF). These conditions were imposed to insure that the construction of WAAO-FM's tower structure did not adversely affect the operations of those stations. The applications for the AM stations were to be filed at the time the license application for WAAO-FM was submitted to the Commission. However, WAAO-FM failed to do so. You were advised of this deficiency by a telegram dated June 3, 1988, and also by a staff letter dated September 6, 1988, wherein the program test authority for WAAO-FM was limited to expire on October 6, 1988. WAAO-FM advised the Commission in letters dated October 28, 1988 and December 8, 1988 that WAAO (AM) was silent and was not expected to return to the air. WWSF was said to have been purchased by new owners, who found several items that required attention before the necessary measurements could be made. Accordingly, the staff's letter of March 1, 1989 deleted the condition for WAAO (AM) and required the WWSF application to be submitted prior to April 15, 1989. On April 13, 1989 you requested a 90 day extension of the limited program test authority; this extension was granted by letter dated April 18, 1989 to expire July 18, 1989. Since then, you have requested twice that this authority be extended (July 12, 1989 and October 24, 1989). The most recent request for extension indicates that by January 15, 1990, WWSF expects to have completed its repairs, which would allow the necessary measurements to be taken.

We note that the repairs presently being undertaken by WWSF will, upon completion, require that station to file FCC Form 302 in an application to return to direct power measurement regardless of the operating status of WAAO-FM. Further, the past history surrounding this matter indicates that a final date for completion of these alterations to WWSF is uncertain. Consequently, we will restore full authority for program tests operation to

WAAO-FM. In addition, we will not continue to require WAAO-FM to conduct the necessary measurements, since WWSF will need to duplicate these measurements upon the completion of its repair work. There being no further deficiencies in license application BLH-870914KC, the license IS HEREBY GRANTED.

Sincerely,



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Mass Media Bureau

cc: Miller & Fields, P.C.