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Raymond C. Benedict Director, Spectrum Engineering CBS Corporation 2175 K Street NW, Suite 350 Washington, DC 20037

Re: CBS Radio Stations, Inc.

WTIC (AM), Hartford, Connecticut Facility Identification Number: 66464

Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Benedict:

This is in reference to the request filed July 11, 2008, on behalf of CBS Radio Stations, Inc. ("CBS"). CBS requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WTIC with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. In support of the request, CBS states that the station's sampling system apparently has been damaged by recent severe storms.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WTIC may operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CBS must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² CBS 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 October 14, 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

¹ WTIC is licensed for operation on 1080 kHz with 50 kilowatts daytime and 50 kilowatts nighttime, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DA-N-U).

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

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,

Charles N. Miller, Engineer

Audio Division Media Bureau

cc: CBS Radio Stations, Inc.