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Re: Radio One Licenses, LLC  
WMMJ (FM), Bethesda, Maryland  
Facility Identification Number: 54712  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Ms. Hall-Harris:

This is in reference to the request filed July 16, 2008, on behalf of Radio One Licenses, LLC ("ROL"). ROL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WMMJ with temporary facilities.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, ROL states that maintenance and construction work is scheduled on the licensed tower. In order to provide for continued service while protecting workers at the licensed site, ROL requests STA for temporary operation of Station WMMJ from a nearby antenna employed by commonly-owned Station WKYS. ROL states that, by design, the WKYS transmitter room installation contains filtering and combining equipment with an input port suitable for WMMJ.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service<sup>2</sup> to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area<sup>3</sup> without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA. Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with the foregoing criteria.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WMMJ may operate with the following facilities, as necessary to facilitate the work at its licensed site:

Geographic coordinates:	38° 56' 24" N, 77° 4' 54" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	272 (102.3 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.85 kilowatt (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	168 meters

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<sup>1</sup> WMMJ is licensed for operation on Channel 272A (102.3 MHz) with effective radiated power of 2.9 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 146 meters.

<sup>2</sup> For AM - 5 mV/m; for commercial FM - 3.16 mV/m; for noncommercial educational FM - 1.0 mV/m.

<sup>3</sup> For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

above mean sea level: 286 meters  
Above average terrain: 220 meters

ROL must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. ROL 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 17, 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: Radio One Licenses, LLC