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Re: Gerard Media, LLC
WIMS (AM), Michigan City, Indiana
Facility Identification Number: 39383
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed February 22, 2008, on behalf of Gerard Media, LLC ("GML"). GML requests further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted to former licensee Vazquez Development, LLC, on December 21, 2006, to operate Station WIMS with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.¹

In support of the request, GML states that restoration of the nighttime system has been delayed by adverse weather conditions.

We note that the previous STA expired on January 2, 2008. Our review indicates that the circumstances presented warrant grant of STA in order to provide for service to the public, and that the requested STA facilities are the same as were previously authorized. However, in light of the lapse of time between the expiration of the prior STA and the filing of the instant request, it will be considered as a request for a new STA; the authority granted will not cover the period between the expiration of the prior STA and the filing of the instant request.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WIMS 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. GML must notify the Commission when licensed operation is

¹ WIMS is licensed for operation on 1420 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

restored.² GML 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.

The authority granted herein does not cover the period between January 2, 2008, and February 22, 2008, and is without prejudice as to whatever action the Commission may take with respect to operation of Station WIMS during the foregoing period.

This authority expires on **February 1, 2009**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Gerard Media, LLC

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