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Re: WLRW (FM), Champaign, Illinois
Facility Identification Number: 58542
Saga Communications of Illinois, Inc.
Special Temporary Authority
Hybrid IBOC Digital Operation

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed December 16, 2005, on behalf of Saga Communications of Illinois, Inc. ("Saga"). Saga requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WLRW with a hybrid digital signal,¹ pursuant to the *First Report and Order* in MM Docket No. 99-325 ("*Report and Order*").² Saga proposes operation with separate analog and digital antennas, pursuant to the Public Notice issued March 17, 2004 ("Public Notice").³ Our review indicates that the proposed operation complies with the requirements of the Public Notice.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WLRW may operate with a hybrid digital signal as defined in the *Report and Order*.⁴ The digital signal will be transmitted via licensed auxiliary antenna BXLH-20051215AAZ. The digital transmitter power output will be 0.57 kilowatt. The analog transmitter power output will be 21 kilowatts. Saga must use

¹ WLRW is licensed for analog operation on Channel 233B (94.5 MHz) with effective radiated power of 50 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 138 meters.

² *Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems and Their Impact on the Terrestrial Radio Broadcast Service*, MM Docket No. 99-325, *First Report and Order*, (October 11, 2002).

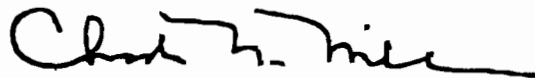
³ *Public Notice*, "Use of Separate Antennas to Initiate Digital FM Transmissions Approved", MM Docket No. 99-325, DA 04-712 (October 17, 2004).

⁴ See *Report and Order*, Appendix B.

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. Pursuant to 47 CFR Section 73.1635(b), this authority may be modified or cancelled by the Commission without notice or right to hearing. Saga must post a copy of this authority with the station license. Any subsequent modification of the licensed analog facilities will require a modification of this authority.

This authority expires on **June 19, 2006**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Saga Communications of Illinois, Inc.