

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
445 TWELFTH STREET SW
WASHINGTON DC 20554

MEDIA BUREAU
AUDIO DIVISION
APPLICATION STATUS: (202) 418-2730
HOME PAGE: www.fcc.gov/mb/audio/

ENGINEER: CHARLES N. (NORM) MILLER
TELEPHONE: (202) 418-2767
FACSIMILE: (202) 418-1410
E-MAIL: charles.miller@fcc.gov

May 6, 2010

J. Dominic Monahan, Esq.
Luvaas Cobb
Box 10747
Eugene, Oregon 97401

Re: Decelles/Smith Media
WEGP (AM), Presque Isle, Maine
Facility Identification Number: 9423
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed March 2, 2010, on behalf of Decelles/Smith Media ("DSM"). DSM requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on September 3, 2009, to operate Station WEGP with reduced power.¹ In support of the request, DSM states that continues to experience fluctuations in the station's power levels, that it has contracted with a new outside engineering firm to determine the cause of the problem, and that it has been unable to date to return to full power. DSM states that the station's operation is stable at reduced power, and requests STA to continue operation with reduced power pending correction of the problem.

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.

Our review indicates that the licensee has been prevented from restoring licensed operation due to causes beyond its control and has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

¹ WEGP is licensed for operation on 1390 kHz with 25 kilowatts daytime and 10 kilowatts nighttime, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DA-N-U).

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WEGP may continue to operate with reduced power. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. DSM must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² DSM 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 **November 6, 2010**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Decelles/Smith Media

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