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Re: WSVH (FM), Savannah, Georgia
Facility Identification Number : 23926
Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed November 21, 2011, on behalf of Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission ("GPT"). GPT requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WSVH with temporary facilities. In support of the request, GPT states that the licensed antenna burned out and is no longer operational. GPT states that the station's formerly licensed antenna is still in place, and requests STA to operate at that location with reduced power so that the 60 dBu contour will not exceed the currently licensed contour.

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 service¹ to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area² 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 WSVH may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	32° 03' 32" N, 81° 17' 57" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	216 (91.1 MHz)
Effective radiated power	Not to exceed 11 kW (H&V)
Antenna type	Nondirectional
Antenna height:	
Above ground:	322 meters
Above mean sea level:	328 meters
Above average terrain:	323 meters

¹ For AM - 5 mV/m; for commercial FM - 3.16 mV/m; for noncommercial educational FM - 1.0 mV/m.

² For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

GPT must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. GPT 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 **May 22, 2012**.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue 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: Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission