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Re: WPLX(AM), Germantown, Tennessee
Facility Identification Number: 52906
Educational Media Foundation
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed September 29, 2008, on behalf of Educational Media Foundation ("EMF"). EMF requests further extension of the special temporary authority (STA) originally granted on August 30, 2000, for continued operation of Station WPLX with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules.¹ In support of the request, EMF states that the process of constructing modified facilities authorized by Construction Permit BMP-20070703ABC (*See Note 1, below*) is underway; however, cost estimates turned out to be much higher than anticipated. EMF states that it is seeking a buyer for the station.

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.

¹ WPLX is licensed to Germantown, Tennessee, for operation on 1170 kHz with 1 kilowatt, daytime hours only, employing a nondirectional antenna (ND-D-D). Construction Permit BMP-20070703ABC authorizes relocation of the station to Turrell, Arkansas, relocation of the transmitter and operation with 5 kilowatts daytime (3.5 kilowatts critical hours) and 0.026 kilowatt nighttime, employing a different directional antenna pattern in each mode (DA-3-U).

Our review indicates that the licensee has made progress toward restoration of licensed operation but that additional time is required for completion of the work.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WPLX may continue to operate from its licensed site with an emergency horizontal wire antenna, with power not to exceed 1 kilowatt. It will be necessary to reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. EMF 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 **December 10, 2009**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller".

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Educational Media Foundation