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Re: Citadel Broadcasting Company
WSKO (AM), Providence, Rhode Island
Facility Identification Number: 64840
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed March 3, 2008, on behalf of Citadel Broadcasting Company ("Citadel"). Citadel requests modification of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on February 1, 2008, to specify operation of Station WSKO during nighttime hours with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power.¹

In support of the request, Citadel states that, as a result of problems which have arisen during the course of modifying the nighttime directional antenna system, it has become necessary to operate during nighttime hours in a nondirectional mode. Citadel states that the daytime nondirectional antenna system is not affected and continues to operate normally.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provides for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filed with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(1) provides that AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna in lieu of authorized directional facilities shall operate with power reduced to 25 percent or less of the nominal licensed power, or a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth.

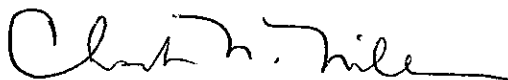
Our review indicates that the instant request complies with Section 73.1680, and STA will be granted as requested. However, because of its greater potential for interference to other stations, nighttime nondirectional operation should be limited to the minimum time necessary to restore licensed directional operation. In view of the foregoing, although not specifically requested, authority also is granted for nighttime operation with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.

¹ WSKO is licensed for operation on 790 kHz with 5 kilowatts, unlimited hours, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DA-N-U).

Accordingly, the request for modification of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WSKO may operate during nighttime hours with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Operation during nighttime hours with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts also is authorized, only as necessary to facilitate the modification work and restoration of licensed operation. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Citadel must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² Citadel 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 **June 6, 2008**.

Sincerely,

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

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Citadel Broadcasting Company

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