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Family Life Broadcasting System  
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Re: W232CA (FX), Detroit, Michigan  
Family Life Broadcasting System  
Facility Identification Number: 152374  
Special Temporary Authority  
BESTA-20150518ADE

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed May 18, 2015, on behalf of Family Life Broadcasting System ("FLB"). FLB requests a fifth extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted to operate FM Translator W232CA with reduced power.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, FLB states that operation with reduced power is necessary to comply with the requirements of Section 74.1201(g) for operation as a "fill-in" translator for commonly owned Station WUFL (AM). FLB has filed for and been granted a construction permit which will permit operation of the translator as a "fill-in" for Station WUFL with a change in the directional antenna. By letter dated June 26, 2013, FLB submitted a request for waiver of 47 CFR Section 74.1201(g) which was apparently lost and has since been resubmitted for consideration.

Our review indicates that the continuing STA operation is not likely to result in interference to any other station, and that it will allow FM Translator W232CA to rebroadcast Station WUFL.

Accordingly, the request for STA extension IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station W232CA may continue to operate with reduced effective radiated power not to exceed 0.022 kilowatt (Max-DA, V only). FLB must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored, or when operation commences pursuant to the construction permit. FLB must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

**This authority expires on November 19, 2015.**

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<sup>1</sup> W232CA is licensed for operation on Channel 232D (94.3 MHz) with effective radiated power of 0.099 kilowatt (Max-DA, V only) and antenna height above average terrain of 278 meters. Construction Permit BPFT-20120615ACO, which expires July 27, 2015, authorizes a change to circular polarization and changes to the directional antenna pattern.

**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,



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