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In re: WTHS(FM), Holland, MI
Facility ID No. 27622

Request for Special Temporary
Authorization

Dear Mr. Chautin:

This letter refers to the September 20, 2005, request for Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") filed on behalf of Hope College ("Hope"), former licensee of station WTHS(FM), Holland, Michigan.

An application for renewal of WTHS(FM)'s license should have been filed by June 1, 2004. No such application was filed, and the station's license expired on October 1, 2004. Upon discovering that no renewal application had been filed, Hope retained communications counsel and tendered both the subject STA request and a license renewal application¹ in September of 2005. In the STA request, Hope indicates that it inadvertently neglected to file its license renewal application in a timely manner and only learned of the lapse when it was contacted by the Commission about past regulatory fees.

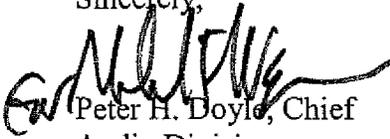
Under Section 309(f) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 309(f), when an appropriate application has been filed, the Commission may grant special temporary authorization if it finds that there are extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary operation in the public interest and that delay in the institution of such temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest. In this case, we believe that the public interest in continuing WTHS(FM)'s noncommercial educational broadcast service to residents of Holland, Michigan warrants resumed operation of the station pending consideration and disposition of the (untimely) renewal application.

Accordingly, the September 20, 2005, request for Special Temporary Authorization filed by Hope College IS GRANTED, and it may continue operation of WTHS(FM), Holland, Michigan, with the facilities for which the license expired on October 1, 2004. This

¹ File No. BRED-20050919ABZ.

authorization will expire (1) 180 days from the date of this letter; or (2) upon action on the pending KXVI(AM) license renewal application, whichever is sooner. Additionally, grant of this authorization is without prejudice to whatever action, if any, the staff deems appropriate in light of the failure to file a timely license renewal application for WTHS(FM).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter H. Doyle", written over the typed name.

Peter H. Doyle, Chief
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Hope College