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Re: WIST (AM), New Orleans, Louisiana
Facility Identification Number: 74090
WTIX, Inc.
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed January 11, 2010, on behalf of WTIX, Inc. ("WI"). WI requests further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on October 3, 2005, to operate Station WIST (formerly WTIX) with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ In support of the request, WI states that, because reconstruction of the station's facilities which were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina is financially prohibitive, it has filed an application to reconstruct a simpler, three-tower array at the licensed site.

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.

Our review indicates that Application BP-20070925AGL remains pending before the Commission; thus, 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

¹ WTIX is licensed for operation on 690 kHz with 10 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U). Application BP-20070925AGL proposes a reduction in operating power to 8 kilowatts daytime and 2.5 kilowatts nighttime, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DA-N-U).

resolve the problem. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WIST may operate with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 2.5 kilowatts daytime and 1.25 kilowatts nighttime. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WI 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 **July 12, 2010**.

Sincerely,

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

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: WTIX, Inc.