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Re: WGMF(FM), Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania  
Facility Identification Number: 19564  
Geos Communications  
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

This is in reference to the request filed January 30, 2007, on behalf of Geos Communications ("GC"). GC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WGMF with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, GC states that, due to a dispute with the landowner of the licensed site, the owner has cut electrical power to the WGMF building. GC states that it has leased a site 0.2 kilometers from the licensed site and requests STA for emergency operation from that site pending the filing of an application for construction permit.

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)(2) provides that FM and TV stations may erect any suitable radiator, or use operable sections of the authorized antenna(s) as an emergency antenna.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WGMF may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	41° 27' 07" N, 76° 00' 33" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	299 (107.7 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	1.1 kilowatts (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	15 meters
above mean sea level:	633 meters
Above average terrain:	221 meters

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<sup>1</sup> WGMF is licensed for operation on Channel 299A (107.7 MHz) with effective radiated power of 1.15 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 229 meters.

GC 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. The authority granted herein is without prejudice as to the Commission's final action on any subsequently filed application for permanent use of these facilities. Any construction undertaken pursuant to this authority is entirely at GC's own risk.

This authority expires on **August 27, 2007**.

**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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Geos Communications