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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
9050 Junction Drive
Annapolis Junction, MD 20701

Attn: Media Bureau, Audio Division

**Re: WIP-FM, Philadelphia, PA (Facility ID No. 28628)
Request for Experimental Authority**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Entercom License, LLC, licensee of FM broadcast station WIP-FM, Philadelphia, PA, hereby respectfully requests experimental authority to operate the station's main facility (BLH-20070529ADN) with IBOC digital power levels above the currently permitted blanket authorization value of -14 dB relative to the analog carrier. It is anticipated that power levels as high as 4 dB above the current blanket authorization levels will be utilized in this proposed test program, which will be conducted in conjunction with the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) and HD Radio system developer, Xperi Corporation.

The goal of this test program is to assess the actual level of interference which is experienced by 1st-adjacent channel stations in the presence of a -10 dBc adjacent channel. We only anticipate operating at the higher power level for brief periods of time and our data collection effort is planned to take place between the hours of midnight and 5AM. No changes will be made to the antenna system currently in use by the station. It is believed that the information collected will be valuable to the future of the U.S. IBOC digital radio service.

Such operation at other than authorized digital power levels will be immediately discontinued in the event of the receipt of any interference complaints from co- or adjacent channel stations that are not able to be satisfactorily resolved.

This request is being made in accordance with Section 73.1515 of the Commission's rules. A 90-day authorization is respectfully requested with a commencement date as soon as possible. A report of the results of these tests will be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the expiration of this authorization, in accordance with §73.1515.

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I certify that the statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. Questions as to the proposed operation may be addressed John Kennedy, Vice President of Technical Operations, (484) 270-6320 (John.Kennedy@entercom.com) or Glynn Walden, Entercom's technical consultant (Glynn.Walden@entercom.com). Any questions as to the participation of Xperi Corporation should be referred to Mr. Ashruf El-Dinary, Senior VP, Radio Technology Solutions, (443) 538-1243. Any questions as to the participation of NAB should be referred to Mr. David Layer, VP, Advanced Engineering, (202) 429-5339.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Laura M. Berman

cc: A. El-Dinary, Xperi Corp.
D. Layer, NAB
J. Kennedy, VP of Technical Operations, Entercom
G. Walden, Consultant

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