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Re: WVAC-FM, Adrian, Michigan
Facility Identification Number: 478
Adrian College Board of Trustees
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed December 14, 2007, on behalf of Adrian College Board of Trustees ("AC"). AC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WVAC-FM with temporary facilities.¹ In support of the request, AC states that the supporting pole of its newly-constructed antenna is not strong enough to withstand the wind and ice in Michigan. AC requests STA for operation with reduced antenna height pending resolution of this problem.

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

Geographic coordinates:	41° 53' 55" N, 84° 03' 37" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	300 (107.9 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.087 kilowatt (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	20 meters
above mean sea level:	267 meters
Above average terrain:	21 meters

AC 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 **June 18, 2008**.

¹ WVAC-FM is licensed (BLD-19811221AP) for operation on Channel 300D (107.9 MHz) with effective radiated power ("ERP") of 0.013 kW (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 24 meters. Construction Permit BPD-20070731AOQ authorizes an increase in ERP to 0.087 kW. Application BLD-20071203ABY, for license to cover the permit, is pending before the Commission.

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 "Ch. N. Miller", written in a cursive style.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Adrian College Board of Trustees