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Re: WACG-FM, Augusta, Georgia

Facility Identification Number: 23922

Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission  
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed December 19, 2007, on behalf of Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission ("GPT"). GPT requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WACG-FM with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, GPT states that the licensed transmission system developed an audio hum, possibly related to recent tower and ground system work. GPT states that it was able to eliminate the problem by operating with the antenna formerly authorized by Construction Permit BPED-20051014AAE, but with reduced power. GPT requests STA for continued operation with the foregoing facilities pending receipt and installation of a new transmitter which will permit operation with the full power authorized by the 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 WACG-FM may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	33° 24' 18" N, 81° 50' 15" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	214 (90.7 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.604 kilowatt (H only)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	380 meters
above mean sea level:	499 meters
Above average terrain:	421 meters

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<sup>1</sup> WACG-FM is licensed for operation on Channel 214C2 (90.7 MHz) with effective radiated power of 25 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 122 meters.

GPT must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. GPT 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 21, 2008**.

**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 "C.N. Miller", written in a cursive style.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer  
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cc: Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission