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Re: Family Life Broadcasting System
W232CA(FX), Detroit, Michigan
Facility Identification Number: 152374
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed November 13, 2012, on behalf of Family Life Broadcasting System ("FLB"). FLB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate FM Translator W232CA with reduced power.¹ In support of the request, FLB states that it recently acquired the license of the translator, and that operation with reduced power is necessary to comply with the requirements of Section 74.1201(g) for operation as a "fill-in" translator for commonly owned Station WUFL (AM). FLB states that it has filed for and been granted a construction permit which will permit operation of the translator as a "fill-in" for Station WUFL with a change in the directional antenna, but that grant of the requested STA will permit immediate full-time service to the community until the facilities authorized by the permit can be constructed.

Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation² is not likely to result in interference to any other station, and that it will allow FM Translator W232CA to rebroadcast Station WUFL.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station W232CA may operate with reduced effective radiated power not to exceed 0.022 kilowatt (Max-DA, V only). FLB must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. FLB 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 **May 14, 2013**.

¹ W232CA is licensed for operation on Channel 232D (94.3 MHz) with effective radiated power of 0.099 kilowatt (Max-DA, V only) and antenna height above average terrain of 278 meters. Construction Permit BPFT-20120615ACO authorizes a change to circular polarization and changes to the directional antenna pattern.

² The proposed maximum effective radiated power was incorrectly given as 0.22 kilowatt (220 watts) on the STA request form, clearly a typographical error since it exceeds the currently licensed power. It was correctly stated as 22 watts (0.022 kilowatt) in the accompanying narrative, and is authorized as 0.022 kilowatt herein.

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,



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cc: Family Life Broadcasting System