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Re: Regent Broadcasting of Albany, Inc.
WTMM (AM), Rensselaer, New York
Facility Identification Number: 40768
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed October 11, 2007, on behalf of Regent Broadcasting of Albany, Inc. ("RLM"). RLM requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WTMM with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.¹ In support of the request, RLM states that, following replacement of the station's antenna monitor, its application for modified license was denied. RLM states that it is in the process of making repairs to the station's sampling system and intends to reapply for a modified license.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WTMM may operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. RLM must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² RLM 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 **April 18, 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

¹ WTMM is licensed for operation on 1300 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

² See 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b).

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", written in a cursive style.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Regent Broadcasting of Albany, Inc.