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Re: Sound Communications, LLC
WENY (AM), Elmira, New York
Facility Identification Number: 71510
Special Temporary Authority
BESTA - 20130319ACT

Dear Mr. Denbo:

This is in reference to the request filed March 19, 2013, on behalf of Sound Communications, LLC ("SCL"). SCL requests an extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on September 26, 2012, to operate Station WENY with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ In support of the request, SCL states that station personnel were able to resume WENY's operations with the low power facilities on September 21, 2012 following a summer tornado which caused the tower from which the station operates to collapse. As noted in the original STA request (File no. BSTA-20120925AUL), the timing of repairs was dependent in part on coordination with the insurance company. Since September 2012, SCL has obtained insurance proceeds and has engaged a contractor to complete the necessary repairs. Work is expected to begin in the coming weeks as the weather becomes more accommodating. SCL will promptly notify the Commission when WENY is able to resume full-power operations.

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

¹ WENY is licensed for operation on 1230 kHz with 1 kilowatt daytime and 1 kilowatt nighttime, employing a nondirectional antenna (ND-1-U).

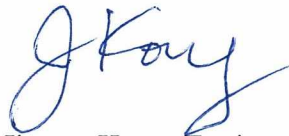
the problem.

Our review indicates that the licensee has made substantial progress toward restoring licensed operation. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WENY may continue to operate with emergency antenna facilities as described before. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. SCL must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² SCL 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 **September 26, 2013**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Kong', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jimmy Kong, Engineer
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cc: Sound Communications, LLC

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