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Re: Station WCSX(FM), Birmingham, Michigan
Beasley Media Group, LLC
Facility ID No. 25084
File No. 20181203ACD

**Request for Extension of Experimental
Authority**

Dear Counsel:

The staff has under consideration the above-referenced December 3, 2018 request for extension of experimental authority¹ submitted on behalf of Beasley Media Group, LLC (Beasley), licensee of commercial FM station WCSX(FM), Birmingham, Michigan,² to permit WCSX to continue to conduct testing of hybrid digital FM in-band on-channel (IBOC) operation with asymmetric power levels in the digital sidebands. The extension of experimental authority is requested pursuant to Section 5.203 of the Commission's Rules.³

Beasley is seeking continued experimental authority to operate WCSX with lower sideband (LSB) digital effective radiated power (ERP) of -14 dBc⁴ (0.27 kW) and upper sideband (USB) digital ERP of -10 dBc (0.68 kW).⁵ Beasley states that the experimental operation has been continuous and stable throughout the current experimental period. Beasley also reports improved and stable digital reception and coverage resulting from the experimental operation. Finally, Beasley has received no complaints of interference resulting from WCSX's experimental digital operation.

¹ File No. 20141107AEH (granted 1/7/2015), as extended by File Nos. 20151201HXG, 20161215ACG, and 20171130ACI

² File Number BMLH-19981008KA

³ 47 CFR § 5.203 (Section 5.203).

⁴ Decibels relative to analog carrier.

⁵ Analog ERP is 13.5 kilowatts ("kW"), H&V

Beasley's request for extension of experimental authority for WCSX meets the requirements for experimental operations set forth in Section 5.203. Accordingly, the extension request is **HEREBY GRANTED**. This experimental authority expires on **January 7, 2020**. This authority is specifically conditioned on the lack of objectionable interference. A report detailing the methodology employed and the results obtained must be submitted within 90 days following the conclusion of the experimental operation.

Pursuant to Section 5.71(c) of the Commission's rules, a broadcast experimental authorization is issued for a one year period and may be renewed for an additional term not exceeding five years upon an adequate showing of need.⁶ Upon expiration of this experimental authority, WCSX's experimental operation using asymmetric digital sideband powers will have reached the five year renewal limit set forth in Section 5.71(c), and no further renewals of this authority will be granted.

Sincerely,



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⁶ 47 CFR § 5.71(c) (Section 5.71(c)).