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Re: WLQV(AM), Detroit, Michigan
Facility Identification Number: 42081
Caron Broadcasting, Inc.
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed October 14, 2010, on behalf of Caron Broadcasting, Inc. (CBI). CBI requests special temporary authority (STA) for operation of Station WLQV with its substantially adjusted daytime and nighttime directional antenna patterns.¹ In support of the request, CBI states that it is preparing to adjust the WLQV antenna patterns using Method of Moments ("MOM") modeling, and that it plans to file an application to convert the station's license to MOM proof of performance pursuant to Section 73.151(c).

Our review indicates that, due to the derivation of new operating parameters via MOM analysis, neither the currently licensed antenna monitor readings nor the licensed monitor point field strength limits will necessarily be applicable to the proposed STA operation. STA will be granted as requested.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WLQV may operate with its substantially adjusted daytime and nighttime directional antenna systems pending the filing and processing of an application for modification of license supported by a MOM proof of performance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 73.151(c). Operating parameters shall be maintained as specified in the request². It will be necessary to reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CBI 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, 2011**.

¹WLQV(AM) is licensed to operate on 1500 kHz with 50 kilowatts day and 10 kilowatts night, employing different directional antenna patterns during daytime and nighttime hours (DA-2-U).

² Operating parameters shall be maintained within $\pm 5\%$ current ratios and $\pm 3^\circ$ phase of the MOM-derived operating parameters, which shall be posted with the station license along with a copy of this letter.

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 blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Caron Broadcasting, Inc.