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Re: WRXC (FM), Monroe, CT
Town of Monroe, Connecticut
Facility Identification Number: 43530
Special Temporary Authority
BESTA-20140911ABQ

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed September 11, 2014, on behalf of the Town of Monroe, Connecticut ("Town of Monroe"). The Town of Monroe previously explained that WRXC is having problems with its transmission equipment, such that the station must operate at reduced power. The Town of Monroe now advises that it has received the necessary equipment but that additional time is needed to install it. The Town of Monroe requests an extension of the Special Temporary Authority (STA) granted March 20, 2014 for continued operations at reduced power until repairs can be completed.

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.

Accordingly, the request for STA extension IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WRXC may continue to operate with reduced power as needed. The Town of Monroe must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. The Town of Monroe must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **March 16, 2015**.

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: Town of Monroe, Connecticut