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James Talbott, President  
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Re: WSYF-FM, Millinocket, Maine  
Facility Identification Number: 33470  
Katahdin Communications, Inc.  
Special Temporary Authorization  
BSTA-20150504ACB

Dear Mr. Talbott:

This is in reference to the request filed May 4, 2015, on behalf of Katahdin Communications, Inc. ("KCI"). KCI requests an extension of the October 30, 2007 special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WSYF-FM with temporary facilities.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, KCI restates that it has lost the lease on the licensed site and was required to remove its equipment. KCI requests STA to operate from its formerly licensed site until it can build a new, permanent site for the station.

The sixth extension (BESTA-20130114AAA) of the original October 30, 2007 STA expired on August 7, 2013 and no further extensions were sought at that time. You explain your [mis]understanding that further STA extension requests were not needed while the construction permit application was pending, until counsel advised differently. It is necessary for STA extension requests to continue to be filed as long as the station continues to operate with the temporary facilities. We will treat this request as a new STA request and correct the application file number prefix from BESTA- to BSTA-. Please take note of the new expiration date and file any extension request by that date, if needed.<sup>2</sup>

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WSYF-FM may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	45° 50' 26" N, 68° 43' 12" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	235 (94.9 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	12 kilowatts (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	83 meters
above mean sea level:	211 meters
Above average terrain:	68 meters

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<sup>1</sup> WSYF-FM is licensed for operation on Channel 235C2 (94.9 MHz) with effective radiated power of 25 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 211 meters.

<sup>2</sup> This new STA grant does not cover any operations between August 7, 2013 and May 4, 2015.

KCI must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KCI 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 **November 3, 2015**.

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**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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