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Re: WGES (AM), St. Petersburg, Florida
Facility Identification Number: 74558
ZGS Broadcasting of Tampa, Inc.
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed August 7, 2008, on behalf of ZGS Broadcasting of Tampa, Inc. (ZGS). ZGS requests further extension of the special temporary authority (STA) originally granted on June 5, 2002, for continued operation of Station WGES (formerly WRMD) with an emergency antenna pursuant to Section 73.1680.[1]

In support of the request, ZGS states that the WGES tower collapsed following the collision of a helicopter with its guy wires. ZGS states that it has reached a financial settlement with its insurance company and is currently analyzing the financial and engineering options available to the station, in order to determine the most efficient course of action.

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.

[1] WGES is licensed for operation on 680 kHz with 0.69 kilowatt daytime and 0.125 kilowatt nighttime, employing a nondirectional antenna (ND-1-U).

Our review indicates that the licensee has been prevented from restoring licensed operation due to causes beyond its control and has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WGES may continue to operate from its licensed site with a temporary, 337-foot tower. Operating power shall not exceed currently licensed levels of 690 watts daytime and 125 watts nighttime. ZGS 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 **December 2, 2009.**

Sincerely,

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