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Re: WQKR (AM), Portland, Tennessee
Facility Identification Number: 6663
Venture Broadcasting LLC
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed June 24, 2010, on behalf of Venture Broadcasting LLC ("VB"). VB requests special temporary authority ("STA") granted on October 27, 2003, to operate Station WQKR pursuant to Section 73.1615.[1] In support of the request, VB states that it completed construction of facilities authorized by Construction Permit BP-20050720ADU and filed Application BL-20090202CFA, for license to cover the permit. VB states that its license application was dismissed by the staff on March 6, 2009, and that, on April 4, 2009, it filed a Petition for Reconsideration with a corrective amendment to the license application. VB requests STA for continued operation with the substantially adjusted directional antenna facilities authorized by the permit pending Commission action on its Petition for Reconsideration.

Section 73.1615, which governs operation during modification of facilities, provides, *inter alia*, that AM licensees holding construction permits which involve directional facilities may operate with the substantially adjusted daytime or nighttime directional facilities authorized by the permit; with reduced operating power not to exceed currently licensed levels except during the taking of proof of performance measurements. Such operation may commence upon notification to the FCC and may continue for a period of 30 days, after which a request for STA for continued operation must be filed. Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with Section 73.1615; however, we note that the previous STA expired on September 29, 2005; the instant STA is conditioned appropriately.

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[1] WQKR is licensed, for operation on 1270 kHz with 1 kilowatt, daytime hours only, directional (DA-D-D). The Commission's AM engineering database included a "Plan" record for nighttime operation with 0.059 kW, pursuant to an Order to Show Cause issued in MM Docket No 87-131; however, that record was archived upon grant of Construction Permit BP-20050720. The permit, which expired on February 1, 2009, authorized relocation of the transmitter and operation with 0.5 kW daytime and 0.029 kW nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U). Application BL-20090202CFA, for license to cover the permit, was dismissed by the staff on March 6, 2009. A Petition for Reconsideration of the dismissal, filed April 4, 2009, remains pending before the Commission. In view of the foregoing, the permit facilities will be considered as the "licensed" facilities for STA purposes.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WQKR may operate with the substantially adjusted daytime and nighttime directional antenna facilities authorized by Construction Permit BP-20050720ADU. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. VB must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.[2] VB 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. The authority granted herein does not cover the period between September 29, 2005, and the date of this letter, and is without prejudice as to whatever action the Commission may take with regard to operation of Station WQKR during the foregoing period.

This authority expires on **December 25, 2010**.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Venture Broadcasting LLC

[2] *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b).