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Re: Buddy Tucker Association, Inc.
WMOB (AM), Mobile, Alabama
Facility Identification Number: 7740
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed August 19, 2010, on behalf of Buddy Tucker Association, Inc. ("BTA"). BTA requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WMOB with temporary facilities.[1] For reasons which are discussed herein, the request is denied.

In support of the request, BTA states that the construction of several large warehouses adjacent to the WMOB antenna system has made it impossible to maintain compliance with licensed parameters. BTA states that FEMA plans to construct a protective berm near the west side of the WMOB array, and that the proposed excavation will destroy a significant portion of the station's ground system. BTA further states that it has located and purchased a property with two existing towers and is in the process of preparing an application for construction permit to relocate the station. BTA requests STA for operation from the new site, daytime hours only, employing a nondirectional antenna and reduced power of 1 kW.

Our review indicates that the circumstances presented do not warrant the abandonment of licensed directional operation and the cessation of protected nighttime service. We note that Station WMOB currently has an STA for operation with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Directional operation, even with parameters at variance, is less likely to cause interference to other stations than nondirectional operation; consequently, nondirectional operation should be considered only when directional operation is not possible. BTA has not demonstrated that continued operation with the licensed directional antenna system is impossible. In addition, BTA has not obtained a construction permit to relocate to the new site; thus, there is no certainty that such a permit will be granted. Also, the proposed operation would result in substantial extension of the daytime 0.5 mV/m contour beyond the licensed contour, in contravention of our STA policies. On balance, we are unable to reach a conclusion that the Public Interest would be served by grant of the requested STA.

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[1] WMOB is licensed for operation on 1360 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 0.212 kilowatt nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

Accordingly, the request for STA IS DENIED. This action is taken pursuant to 47 CFR Section 0.283.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Buddy Tucker Association, Inc.