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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 December 16, 2010, on behalf of Venture Broadcasting LLC ("VB"). VB requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on June 25, 2010, to operate Station WQKR pursuant to Section 73.1615.[1] In support of the request, VB states that it is working on obtaining measurement data requested by the staff in connection with its pending license application..

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.

Our review indicates that the licensee has made progress toward restoration of licensed

[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.

operation, but additional time is required for completing the work. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of 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.

This authority expires on **August 4, 2011**.

Sincerely,

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cc: Venture Broadcasting LLC

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