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In Reply Refer to:
1800B3

Frederick A. Polner, Esq.
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Madison, CT 06443

In re: DWQTQ(FM), Hartford, CT
Facility ID No. 26311
Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Mr. Polner:

This letter refers to the February 24, 2011, request for Extension of Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") filed on behalf of the Hartford Board of Education (the "Board"), licensee of expired station DWQTQ(FM), Hartford, Connecticut (the "Station").

On September 28, 2010, the staff wrote to the Board, indicating that the Station's license had expired and that (1) all authority to operate the Station was terminated; and (2) Station's call letters had been deleted from the Commission's data base. The licensee was advised that any operation of the Station was then unauthorized and must cease immediately.[1] The Board then filed the subject STA request and the license renewal application for the station.[2] The STA was granted on November 1, 2010, and expires on May 1, 2011.[3] The Board now seeks an extension of special temporary authorization to continue operating the Station pending consideration of the license renewal application filed on October 15, 2010.

Under Section 309(f) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 309(f), when an appropriate application has been filed, the Commission may grant special temporary authorization if it finds that there are extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary operation is in the public interest and that delay in the institution of such temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest. In this case, we believe that the public interest in continuing DWQTQ (FM) broadcast service to the residents of Hartford, Connecticut, warrants continuing operation of the station pending consideration and disposition of the (untimely) renewal application.

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[1] *Letter to Hartford Broad of Education,* Ref. 1800B3-KAW (Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau, Sep. 28, 2010) (the "License Expiration Letter").

[2] File No. BRH-20101015ABP.

[3] File No. BLSTA-20101015ABH, granted November 1, 2010.

Accordingly, the February 24, 2011, request for Extension of Special Temporary Authorization filed by Hartford Board of Education IS GRANTED, and it may continue operation of DWQTQ(FM), Hartford, Connecticut, with the facilities for which the license expired on April 1, 2006. This authorization will expire (1) 180 days from the date of this letter; or (2) upon action on the pending DWQTQ(FM) license renewal application, whichever is sooner. Grant of this authorization is without prejudice to whatever action, if any, the staff deems appropriate in light of the apparent failure properly to file timely license renewal applications for DWQTQ(FM).

Sincerely,

for

Peter H. Doyle
Chief, Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Hartford Board of Education