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Re: Carter Broadcasting Corporation
WCRN (AM), Worcester, Massachusetts
Facility Identification Number: 9201
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed June 18, 2012, on behalf of Carter Broadcasting Corporation ("CBC"). CBC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WCRN with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits, and with the nighttime pattern during daytime hours.¹ In support of the request, CBC states that it has become necessary to adjust the nighttime operating parameters in order to bring the monitor point readings within licensed limits².

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WCRN may operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Operation with the nighttime pattern during daytime hours also is authorized, as necessary to diagnose and correct the problem. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CBC must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.³ CBC 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.

¹ WCRN is licensed for operation on 830 kHz with 50 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

² CBC states that the problem with the nighttime pattern was observed since the recent grant of a waiver of Section 73.1560(a) to permit use of dynamic carrier control ("DCC") technology, but that the problem appears to be totally unrelated to the use of DCC. However, AM directional antenna systems may exhibit sensitivity to changes in operating power, related to thermal effects on system components. Because implementation of DCC results in a net reduction in average transmitted power, it is possible that the two are related.

³ *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b).

This authority expires on **December 19, 2012**.

STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Carter Broadcasting Corporation