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Re: W231BR (FX), Manchester, NH
Saga Communications of New England, Inc.
Facility Identification Number: 140894
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BSTA-20140310ADG

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed March 10, 2014, on behalf of Saga Communications of New England, Inc. ("Saga").¹ Saga explains that the STA request granted February 25, 2014 (BSTA-20140210AAA), which authorized reduced power operation and use of one element of its licensed antenna to address reports of interference, did not authorize use of a second antenna element. The present STA request seeks authority to use two elements of a directional Scala antenna (Scala CL-FM Slant-45 3 panel antenna, main lobe oriented at 111° True), at 0.250 kW ERP, at the same location and antenna height authorized in the station's license.

Unlike regular FM broadcast stations, FM translators are required to submit a construction permit application for any change in antenna. *See* 47 CFR Sections 74.1251(a) and (b). Saga's modified directional pattern will not result in the extension of the 60 dBu service contour beyond the currently licensed 60 dBu contour.

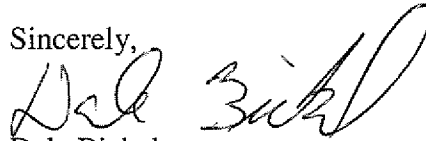
An STA will enable the licensee to eliminate the interference while maintaining service. Accordingly, the requested STA IS GRANTED for a period of 180 days. This STA is conditioned on Saga filing a construction permit application on FCC Form 349 within 45 days of the date of this letter.² Additionally, Saga is responsible for addressing interference complaints that may arise from this STA operation. Saga must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

¹ Saga previously filed STA request BSTA-20140307ACU, but then corrected the directional antenna orientation in the current STA request. Accordingly, BSTA-20140307ACU is dismissed per the licensee's request. Also, the grant of the current STA renders the earlier STA unnecessary, and so BSTA-20140210AAA is cancelled.

² This STA does not presuppose that a modification application will be grantable.

This authority expires on **September 9, 2014**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Bickel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "B".

Dale Bickel
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cc: Saga Communications of New England, Inc.