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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 February 13, 2007, on behalf of Carter Broadcasting Corporation ("CBC"). CBC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WCRN pursuant to Section 73.1615.¹ In support of the request, CBC states that it is implementing construction of modified facilities for Station WCRN authorized by Construction Permit BP-20030114ABK.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WCRN may operate pursuant to Section 73.1615 and the terms and conditions of Construction Permit BP-20030114ABK. In particular, the following modes of operation are authorized:

- 1) During daytime hours, with a nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 12.5 kilowatts, only as necessary to facilitate the construction work and/or for nondirectional proof of performance measurements.
- 2) During daytime hours, with the substantially adjusted nighttime directional pattern and power authorized by the permit, only as necessary for final adjustment and proof of performance measurements.
- 3) During nighttime hours, with a nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts, only as necessary to facilitate the construction work.
- 4) During nighttime hours, with the substantially adjusted nighttime directional pattern authorized by the permit, and reduced nominal power not to exceed 5 kilowatts.

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).

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.² 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.

This authority expires on **June 14, 2007**.

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,

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cc: Carter Broadcasting Corporation

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