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Re: WBSN-FM, New Orleans, Louisiana
Facility Identification Number: 53677
Providence Educational Foundation, Inc.
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed July 16, 2008, on behalf of Providence Educational Foundation, Inc. (PEF). PEF requests modification and further extension of the special temporary authority (STA) granted on October 27, 2005, to operate Station WBSN-FM from a site other than the licensed site.[1]

In support of the request, PEF states that Station WBSN-FM has been operating pursuant to STA since it resumed operation after Hurricane Katrina. PEF states that the antenna employed for its STA operation has been damaged by lightning, and requests modification of STA to permit use of another antenna already in place on the STA tower. PEF states that it will be some time before its new, permanent antenna as authorized by Construction Permit BMPED-20080206AEJ will be in place.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service[2] to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area[3] without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

Our review indicates that the proposed, modified STA operation fails to comply with the STA

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[1] Station WBSN-FM is licensed for operation on Channel 206C2 (89.1 MHz) with effective radiated power ("ERP") of 8.5 kilowatts (H&V), and antenna height above average terrain ("HAAT") of 190 meters. Construction Permit BPED-20070906AEJ authorizes relocation of the transmitter and operation with ERP of 11 kW (V only) and HAAT of 134 meters. Application BMPED-20080206AEJ proposes circular polarization.

[2] For AM - 5 mV/m; for commercial FM - 3.16 mV/m; for noncommercial educational FM - 1.0 mV/m.

[3] For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

criteria, in that the proposed 60 dBu contour would extend significantly beyond the licensed contour toward the southwest. However, if the effective radiated power is reduced to 2.5 kilowatts, there would be no extension. STA will be granted with a power reduction to 2.5 kilowatts.

Accordingly, the request for modification and extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, with a power reduction as discused above. Station WBSN-FM may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	29° 55' 11" N, 90° 01' 29" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	206 (89.1 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	**2.5 kilowatts (H&V)**
Transmitter power output:	**3.15 kilowatts**
Antenna type:	Shively, model 6810-3, nondirectional
Antenna height:	
above ground:	229 meters
above mean sea level:	229 meters
above average terrain:	229 meters

PEF 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 **January 17, 2009**.

Sincerely,

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cc: Providence Educational Foundation, Inc.