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Re: WMLS(FM), Grand Marias, Minnesota
Facility Identification Number : 92306
Minnesota Public Radio
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Ms. Gramling:

This is in reference to your letter dated October 29, 2002, filed on behalf of Minnesota Public Radio (MPR). Extension is requested of the special temporary authority (STA) originally granted on April 30, 2002, to operate Station WMLS with reduced power.¹ In support of the request, MPR provides a detailed report of its efforts toward eliminating the interference problem at the site. STA is requested for continued operation with reduced power pending resolution of the matter.

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.

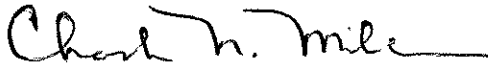
Our review indicates that the licensee has been prevented from restoring licensed operation due to causes beyond its control. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

¹ WMLS is authorized (BPED-19981208MI) for operation on Channel 204C3 (88.7 MHz) with effective radiated power of 6 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 194 meters. License Application BLED-20020411AAK is pending before the Commission.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WMLS may continue to operate with reduced power. MPR must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. MPR 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 **August 19, 2003**.

Sincerely,



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