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Re: Request for Experimental Authority
Citicasters Licenses, L.P.

Dear Counsel:

The staff has under consideration the requests received on December 21, 2005 for experimental authority to transmit a hybrid digital signal incorporating multiple digital channels. The licensee requests experimental authority pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 73.1510 for the following stations:

Station	Location	Facility ID
WPOC(FM)	Baltimore, MD	47747
WBBS(FM)	Fulton, NY	48730

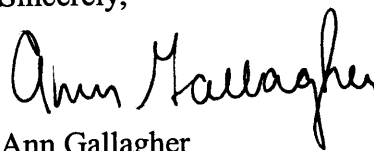
The stations propose to test a modified version of the hybrid IBOC system which the Commission has authorized for interim use.¹ The IBOC system under test splits the digital bitstream into multiple digital channels in order to test digital audio and advanced application services. The occupied bandwidth of the digital sidebands will remain as specified in Appendix B of the IBOC Order. The hybrid signal will be transmitted via the station's authorized antenna, and will not require a change in the station's authorized ERP.

Accordingly, the requested experimental authority for the hybrid digital operation described above IS HEREBY GRANTED. This authority is specifically conditioned on the lack of objectionable interference. A report detailing the methodology employed and the results obtained must be submitted within **ninety** days following the conclusion of the experimental operation pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 73.1510(d). This experimental authority expires on January 15, 2007. Any request for

¹ Radio stations do not require experimental authority for normal hybrid IBOC operations. See *Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems and Their Impact on the Terrestrial Radio Broadcast Service*, 17 FCC Rcd 19990 (2002) ("IBOC Order").

extension of this authority should be filed at least thirty days prior to this expiration date.
Additionally, such a request must include an interim version of the aforementioned report that details the progress of the experimental program as of the filing date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Gallagher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ann Gallagher
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