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Washington, DC 20002

Attention: Scott Kotler, Esq., Chief, Systems Analysis Branch

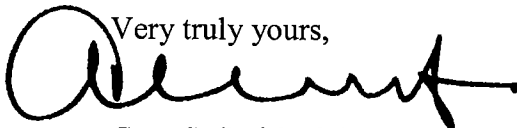
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Re: Saga Radio Networks, LLC  
FRN 0009-1124-00  
Satellite Earth Station E872070  
File No. SES-STA-20080528-00682

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Transmitted herewith, in triplicate, on behalf of Saga Radio Networks, LLC, is its "Supplement to STA Request and Public Interest Statement" which should be associated with its Request for Special Temporary Authority filed May 28, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned counsel.

Very truly yours,  


Gary S. Smithwick  
Counsel for  
Saga Radio Networks, LLC

Enclosure

Before the  
**Federal Communications Commission**  
Washington, DC 20554

In re: )  
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**SAGA RADIO NETWORKS, LLC** ) Call Sign: **E872070**  
73 Kercheval Avenue )  
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 ) File No.  
For Special Temporary Authority ) SES-STA-20080528-00682  
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To: Office of the Secretary  
**Attention: Chief, International Bureau**

**SUPPLEMENT TO**  
**STA REQUEST AND PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT**

On May 28, 2008, Saga Radio Networks, LLC, filed a request for Special Temporary Authority (“STA”)(File No. SES-STA-20080528-00682) to continue to operate its earth station (Call Sign E872070) while its application (SES-LIC-20080613-0072) for permanent authority is pending. It is critical to the business of Saga Radio Networks, LLC, and to the members of the public who listen to the radio stations in Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri and Ontario Canada, that this uplink be permitted to continue to operate. Following are specific reasons why the public interest would be served by a prompt grant of the request for STA.

**Currently, E872070 is critical to provide Primary State level EAS service to the Ironwood, Eastern, and Keweenaw districts of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. This service is critical because there is no other way to deliver this service to sections of the Upper Peninsula.**

**Currently, E872070 is critical to provide Secondary State level EAS service to the Upper lower peninsula through WTCM-FM, Traverse City, MI. E872070 provides the opportunity for any affiliate of the Michigan Radio Network or the Michigan Farm Radio Network to received State level EAS service through their receiver.**

Currently, E872070 is critical to provide uplink services to feed audio programming to the Michigan Radio Network, which has 55 Affiliates across the state of Michigan. The Michigan Radio Network provides news content and long form public affairs programming.

E872070 is also critical to provide uplink services to feed audio programming to the Michigan Farm Radio Network which has 25 Affiliates across the state of Michigan.

The Michigan Farm Network provides both long and short form agricultural news and information as well as long form public affairs programming with an agricultural topic.

E872070 is also critical to provide uplink services to feed audio programming to the Illinois Radio Network which has 47 Affiliates across the state of Illinois and into Missouri. The Illinois Radio Network provides news content and long form public affairs programming.

E872070 also is critical to provide uplink services to feed audio programming to the Detroit Tigers Radio Network, which has 24 Affiliates across the states of Michigan and Ohio as well as Ontario Canada, and provides live feeds of all games to network affiliates.

E872070 also is critical to provide uplink services to feed audio programming to the , Detroit Red Wings Radio Network which has 23 Affiliates across the state of Michigan and is critical to provide uplink services to provide live feeds of all games to network affiliates.

E872070 also is critical to provide uplink services to provide live feeds of all games to network affiliates of the Detroit Lions Radio Network, which has 34 affiliates across Michigan, Ohio and Ontario Canada. It provides live feeds of all games to network affiliates.

E872070 also is critical to provide uplink services to provide live feeds of all games to network affiliates of the Detroit Pistons Radio Network which has 8 affiliates across Michigan. It provides live feeds of all games to network affiliates.

E872070 also is critical to provide uplink services to provide live feeds of all games to the Michigan State University Radio Network, which has 36 affiliates. It provides live feeds of all football and basketball games to network affiliates.

In addition to the Michigan and Illinois networks, Saga Radio Networks, LLC, is planning to move all Minnesota networks to the Lansing uplink in early 2009. In addition to the Minnesota News and Farm Networks, the Minnesota Twins, Timberwolves, and the University of Minnesota football and basketball networks would also be added to the above lineup.

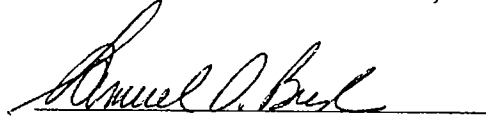
There is no practical way to work around the missing uplink. If the uplink were forced to terminate operations, members of the public who listen to the affiliate radio stations noted above would lose the opportunity to hear the programs carried on the networks and would lose the opportunity to hear the sports broadcasts carried on the networks.

Saga Radio Networks, LLC, believes it has shown that the consequences would be dire if the uplink were not permitted to continue to operate and respectfully renews its request for special temporary authority.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

**SAGA RADIO NETWORKS, LLC**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Samuel D. Bush", is written over a horizontal line.

Samuel D. Bush  
Treasurer