



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

January 14, 2022

Catholic Community Radio, Inc.  
5657 Parkhaven Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Re: Catholic Community Radio, Inc.  
WPYR(AM), Baton Rouge, LA  
Fac. ID No.: 47403  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed January 10, 2022 on behalf of Catholic Community Radio, Inc. ("CCR"). CCR requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WPYR(AM) with a reduced daytime power.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, CCR states that a site inspection of the 1380 kHz AM transmitter site revealed substantial damage from Hurricane Ida. Specifically, the transmitter is only operating at 1300 watts with high reflected power. The tower #1 antenna tuning unit (ATU) has been blown over on its mounting poles to where the ATU access door is almost flat on the ground. The transmission line and output connection at the tower #1 ATU have likely been compromised. Therefore, until the necessary repairs can be completed, the station requests STA to operate with a reduced daytime power of 1300 watts. No changes are proposed to the licensed nighttime operation.

Section 73.1560(d), which governs reduced power operation, states:

In the event it becomes technically impossible to operate at authorized power, a broadcast station may operate at reduced power for a period of not more than 30 days without specific authority from the FCC. If operation at reduced power will exceed 10 consecutive days, notification must be made to the FCC in Washington, DC, Attention: Audio Division (radio) or Video Division (television), Media Bureau, not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the lower power operation. In the event that normal power is restored within the 30 day period, the licensee must notify the FCC of the date that normal operation was restored. If causes beyond the control of the licensee prevent restoration of the authorized power within 30 days, a request for Special Temporary Authority (see Section 73.1635) must be made to the FCC in Washington, DC for additional time as may be necessary.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WPYR(AM) may operate during daytime hours with a reduced power of 1300 watts. No changes are proposed to the nighttime operation. WPYR(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. In addition, the station 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.

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<sup>1</sup> WPYR(AM) is licensed for operation on 1380 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.062 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

This authority expires on **July 13, 2022**.

**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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Jerome J. Manarchuck  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Stuart W. Nolan, Jr., Esq. (via email only)