



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dupage Radio, LLC
PO Box 3162
Oak Brook, IL 60522

Re: Dupage Radio, LLC
WCKG(AM), Elmhurst, IL
Fac. ID No.: 32227
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed January 26, 2022, on behalf of Dupage Radio, LLC (“DRL”). DRL requests special temporary authority (“STA”) to operate station WCKG(AM) with temporary facilities.¹ In support of the request, DRL states that due to the loss of its licensed tower site, WCKG(AM) is requesting operation from an alternate site location.

Specifically, WCKG(AM) requests STA to operate non-directionally with a reduced power from an existing tower. The proposed site is located 0.7 kilometer (0.4 mile) from the licensed WCKG(AM) site. The station proposes a daytime-only operation with a reduced power of 0.19 kilowatt.

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 to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area² without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED. Station WCKG(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	41° 51' 46" N, 87° 55' 26" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1530 KHz
Hours of operation	Daytime only
Operating power	190 watts (daytime)
Antenna type	Existing tower
Antenna efficiency	283.6 mV/m/kW at 1 km

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are

¹ WCKG(AM) is licensed for operation on 1530 kHz with a daytime-only power of 0.76 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern (DAD-D).

² For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

received. WCKG(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WCKG(AM) 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 2, 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 dark ink, reading "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerome" and last name "Manarchuck" clearly legible.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: John C. Trent, Esq. (via email only)