



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

March 22, 2022

Hoosier AM/FM, LLC
820 S. Pennsylvania, LLC
Marion, IN 46953

Re: Hoosier AM/FM, LLC
WBAT(AM), Marion, IN
Fac. ID No.: 41841
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed March 15, 2022, on behalf of Hoosier AM/FM, LLC ("Hoosier"). Hoosier requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WBAT(AM) with temporary long-wire facilities from its licensed transmitter site.¹ In support of the request, Hoosier states that a storm severely damaged the tower for WBAT(AM). Thus, in order to continue to serve the public, Hoosier is requesting an STA to operate with a long-wire antenna at the licensed site.

Specifically, WBAT(AM) requests STA to operate with 140 feet of steel wire strung horizontally between two 25 foot high poles. Operation is proposed with a reduced power of 500 watts.

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

Geographic coordinates	40° 33' 40" N, 85° 41' 30" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1400 kHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	500 watts
Antenna type	140 feet of steel wire

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WBAT(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WBAT(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 **September 18, 2022**.

STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the

¹ WBAT(AM) is licensed for operation on 1400 kHz with an unlimited-hours power of 1 kilowatt, employing a nondirectional antenna pattern (ND1-U).

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: David O'Neil, Esq. (via email only)