



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Live Communications Inc.  
Suite 203  
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Re: Live Communications, Inc.  
WTAL(AM), Tallahassee, FL  
Fac. ID No.: 55330  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed on behalf of Live Communications, Inc. ("LCI"). LCI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WTAL(AM) from an alternate site location with a temporary long-wire antenna.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, LCI states that the WTAL(AM) facilities are located on a leased site that is to be redeveloped for non-broadcast use. LCI also states that it has received a notice from the site owner that WTAL(AM) must vacate the site by July 29, 2022. Therefore, in order to ensure that WTAL(AM) continues to serve its listeners while its new transmitting facilities are being constructed, the licensee respectfully requests that STA be granted for WTAL(AM) to operate from an alternate site location with a long-wire antenna.

Specifically, WTAL(AM) requests STA to operate from a site located 8 kilometers from its licensed site. Operation is proposed with a 95 foot (29 meters) long-wire mounted 30 feet above ground. The long-wire will be supported by a studio building on one end and a conventional pole with guy wires on the other end. A reduced daytime and nighttime power of 0.25 kilowatt is requested.

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 area<sup>2</sup> without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with the foregoing criteria. Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED. Station WTAL(AM) may operate with the

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<sup>1</sup> WTAL(AM) is licensed for operation on 1450 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND2-U).

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

following facilities:

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| Geographic coordinates | 30° 26' 53" N, 84° 15' 37" W (NAD 1927)  |
| Frequency              | 1450 KHz   |
| Hours of operation     | Unlimited  |
| Operating power        | 0.250 kW (Daytime and Nighttime)   |
| Antenna type           | 95 foot (29 m) long wire mounted 30 feet above ground level and stretching from the studio building to a support pole with guy wires |

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WTAL(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WTAL(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 **January 9, 2023**.

**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: Shelley Sadowsky, Esq. (via email only)