

## Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

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TBLC Media, LLC 395 Nolensville Road Nashville, TN 37221

Re: TBLC Media, LLC WNVL(AM), Nashville, TN

Fac. ID No.: 16898

**Special Temporary Authority** 

## Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed on behalf of TBLC Media, LLC. ("TBLC"). TBLC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WNVL(AM) from an alternate site location with a temporary long-wire antenna. In support of the request, the licensee states that it is losing its licensed site and must operate from a temporary site until a suitable permanent location is found.

Specifically, WNVL(AM) requests STA to operate from a site located 5.5 miles (8.8 kilometers) from its licensed site. Operation is proposed using a 150 foot (45.7 meters) vertical long-wire antenna attached to an existing 146.3 meter tower with a reduced power of 0.6 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 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 WNVL(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates 36° 14′ 06″ N, 86° 45′ 19″ W (NAD 1927)

Frequency 1240 KHz Hours of operation Unlimited Operating power 0.6 kW

Antenna type 150 foot (45.7 m) vertical long wire attached to an existing tower

Theoretical RMS 291.4 mV/m/kW at 1 km

<sup>1</sup> WNVL(AM) is licensed for operation on 1240 kHz with an unlimited hours power of 1 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND1-U).

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

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WNVL(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WNVL(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 19, 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,

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