



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

August 8, 2022

Buddy Tucker Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 63
Mobile, AL 36601

Re: Buddy Tucker Association, Inc.
WMOB(AM), Mobile, AL
Fac. ID No.: 7740
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed August 2, 2022, on behalf of Buddy Tucker Association, Inc. ("BTA"). BTA requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WMOB(AM) from an alternate site location with a long-wire antenna.¹ BTA states that it has lost its transmitter site and will file a construction permit application as soon as a new site can be located. In the meantime, the station is requesting temporary operation from a site located 19.4 kilometers from its licensed site.

Specifically, WMOB(AM) requests operation from the site of WALA-TV. Operation is proposed using a single pole $\frac{1}{4}$ wavelength non-shunted radiator, 172 feet in length. Operation is proposed with a reduced daytime power of 250 watts and a reduced nighttime power of 50 watts.

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.

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

Geographic coordinates	30° 41' 16" N, 87° 47' 54" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1360 kHz
Hours of operation	Day and Night
Operating power	0.25 kW (Daytime), 0.05 kW (Nighttime)
Antenna type	172-foot single pole $\frac{1}{4}$ wavelength wire radiator

¹ WMOB(AM) is licensed for operation on 1360 kHz with a daytime power of 9 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.2 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

² 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. WMOB(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WMOB(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 **February 4, 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, appearing to read "Jerome J. Manarchuck", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

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