



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Cumulus Licensing LLC
780 Johnson Ferry Road
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Atlanta, GA 30342

Re: Cumulus Licensing LLC
WLZR(AM), Melbourne, FL
Fac. ID No.: 60388
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed August 16, 2022, on behalf of Cumulus Licensing LLC ("CLL"). CLL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WLZR(AM) with temporary long-wire facilities from its licensed transmitter site.¹ In support of the request, CLL states that a severe storm during the morning of August 8, 2022 caused the WLZR(AM) tower to collapse. As a result, WLZR(AM) is currently operating using a temporary wire antenna and is requesting STA to continue to operate with the wire antenna.

Specifically, WLZR(AM) requests STA to operate with 130 feet of steel wire strung between a small utility tower attached to the transmitter building and a screw wedge anchor at the other end. The long-wire will be attached approximately 25 feet up the utility tower. Operation is proposed with a reduced power of 50 watts.

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

Geographic coordinates	28° 07' 40" N, 80° 42' 29" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1560 kHz
Hours of operation	Daytime only
Operating power	50 watts
Antenna type	130 foot long-wire antenna

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

¹ WLZR(AM) is licensed for operation on 1560 kHz with a daytime-only power of 5 kilowatts, employing a nondirectional antenna pattern (NDD-D).

This authority expires on **March 8, 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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Media Bureau

cc: Mark Lipp, Esq. (via email only)