

Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

November 18, 2022

Genesis Communications I, Inc. 4300 West Cypress Street 10th Floor Tampa, FL 33607

Re: Genesis Communications I, Inc. WIXC(AM), Titusville, FL Fac. ID No.: 54505

Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed November 8, 2022, on behalf of Genesis Communications I, Inc. ("GCI"). GCI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WIXC(AM) with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits. Specifically, GCI requests that station WIXC(AM) be permitted to operate during daytime, nighttime, and critical hours with the station's licensed daytime directional pattern and with reduced power.

In support of the request, GCI states that WIXC(AM) sustained damage from Hurricane Ian and is currently operating at reduced power. Towers 4 and 5 of the array are missing control voltage and the station cannot switch to the night pattern after the storm damage to the towers. Therefore, until all the necessary repairs are made, WIXC(AM) requests STA to operate during daytime, nighttime, and critical hours with the licensed daytime directional antenna. A reduced daytime power of 5 kilowatts, a reduced nighttime power of 1.25 kilowatts and a reduced critical hours power of 4.25 kilowatts are proposed.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. WIXC(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits. Specifically, the station may temporarily operate full time with the daytime directional antenna system and with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts, a nighttime power of 1.25 kilowatts and a critical hours power of 4.25 kilowatts. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WIXC(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WIXC(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 May 17, 2023.

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¹ WIXC(AM) is licensed for operation on 1060 kHz with a daytime power of 50 kilowatts, a nighttime power of 17 kilowatts, and a critical hours power of 5 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA3-U).

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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Audio Division Media Bureau

cc: Dennis J. Kelly, Esq. (via email only)