



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

December 5, 2022

UM Enterprise, LLC
P.O. Box 143
Stapleton, AL 36578

Re: UM Enterprise, LLC
WTOF(AM), Bay Minette, AL
Fac. ID No.: 24653
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed November 30, 2022, on behalf of UM Enterprise, LLC ("UME"). UME requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WTOF(AM) from an alternate site location with a temporary long-wire antenna.¹

In support of the request, UME states that this instant request for an engineering STA is necessary in order to return WTOF(AM) to operation while a permanent site is found. The station lost its licensed site and therefore operation from an alternate site is being requested. Station WTOF(AM) has been silent since December 5, 2021, and therefore the station's license will automatically expire if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., December 6, 2022. Thus, an STA is requested to relocate WTOF(AM) to a different site location and operate with a temporary long-wire antenna.

Specifically, WTOF(AM) proposes to operate from a site located 20.3 kilometers (12.6 miles) from its currently licensed site. Operation is proposed with a reduced daytime and critical hours power of 250 watts employing a 221-foot vertical wire antenna. The antenna will be supported by the WALA-TV tower.

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.

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

¹ WTOF(AM) is licensed for operation on 1110 kHz with a daytime power of 10 kilowatts and a critical-hours power of 2.5 kilowatts, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND2-U).

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

Geographic coordinates	30° 41' 16" N, 87° 47' 54" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1110 kHz
Hours of operation	Daytime and Critical Hours
Operating power	250 watts (Daytime and Critical Hours)
Antenna type	Single pole ¼ wavelength non-shunted wire radiator

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WTOF(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WTOF(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 **June 3, 2023**.

Notwithstanding the grant of this STA or the expiration date specified herein, the station's license will expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., December 6, 2022. *See* Pub. Law No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, Section 403(1)(1996) and *Order, Silent Station Authorizations*, FCC 96-218 (released May 17, 1996). *See also Public Notice, Expedited Processing of Applications Filed by Silent Stations*, DA 96-818 (May 22, 1996). The licensee must notify the Audio Division immediately upon resumption of broadcasting.

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 black ink that reads "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: John Trent, Esq. (via email only)
Charles A. Hecht (via email only)