



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Cox Radio, LLC
1601 W. Peachtree St. NE
Atlanta, GA 30309

Re: Cox Radio, LLC
WDBO(AM), Orlando, FL
Fac. ID No.: 48726
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed December 29, 2022, on behalf of Cox Radio, LLC ("CRL"). CRL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WDBO(AM) with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹

In support of the request, CRL states that the station has experienced increasing difficulty in maintaining monitor point field values within the licensed limits because of the extensive urbanization of the Orlando area subsequent to the 1973 and 1984 proof of performance and partial proof, requiring frequent small adjustments of the parameters to maintain those monitor point values below the limits. However, replacement of the tower lighting system and a pending set of structural repairs will require the station to operate with parameters at variance. Therefore, while the tower lighting system is replaced and structural repairs are made, the station requests STA to operate with parameters at variance.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. WDBO(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WDBO(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WDBO(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 **July 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

¹ WDBO(AM) is licensed for operation on 580 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

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, stylized initial "J".

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Christina Burrow, Esq. (via email only)