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Re: Entercom Boston License, L.L.C.
WVEI (AM), Worcester, MA
Facility Identification Number: 4643
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed December 17, 2012, on behalf of Entercom Boston License, L.L.C. ("EBLL"). EBLL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate WVEI's nighttime directional array at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹

In support of the request, EBLL states that WVEI has noted a problem with changing patterns remotely. WVEI is licensed to operate non-directionally with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts, and a nighttime power of 5 kilowatts with a directional antenna system. The station continues to operate with a non-directional daytime power of 5 kilowatts, however the station has reduced its nighttime power at sunset from 5 kilowatts to 1 kilowatt as it is operating non-directionally at night as well. WVEI believes the problem is a bad power supply transformer, and therefore has ordered a replacement transformer with repairs scheduled to be completed by January 10, 2013.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station EBLL may operate with nighttime parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. EBLL must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² EBLL 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 WVEI is licensed for operation on 1440 kHz with a nondirectional daytime power of 5 kilowatts, and a nighttime directional power of 5 kilowatts (DAN-U).

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)

This authority expires on **March 18, 2013**.


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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