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Re: Entercom Buffalo License, LLC

WWKB(AM), Buffalo, NY

Facility Identification Number: 34383

Special Temporary Authority

## Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed February 22, 2013, on behalf of Entercom Buffalo License, LLC ("EBLL"). EBLL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate its three tower daytime and nighttime directional antenna system with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, EBLL states that during a routine inspection, the station's engineer noted that the antenna monitor parameters had values that varied from the authorized limits. After an investigation, the station's engineer believes that a component in the phasor has failed and further troubleshooting is required.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WWKB(AM) may operate with 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.<sup>2</sup> 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.

This authority expires on May 26, 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WWKB(AM) is licensed for operation on 1520 kHz with 50 kilowatts daytime and nighttime, employing the same directional antenna pattern (DA1-U).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).

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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