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Re: WJOL(AM), Joliet, Illinois  
Facility Identification Number: 62235  
NM Licensing LLC  
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed April 10, 2013, on behalf of NM Licensing LLC ("NM"). NM requests special temporary authority ("STA") pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the Commission's Rules to operate at variance from its authorized technical parameters.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, NM states that the station's engineers have removed a lighting choke from the tower, changing the tower's base impedance. As a result of the change, the base current necessary to achieve the station's 710 watts operating power has changed to 2.66 amps. Accordingly, licensee seeks special temporary authority to operate with a base current of 2.66 amps.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WJOL(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from its authorized technical parameters. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. NM must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> NM 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 15, 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

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<sup>1</sup> WJOL(AM) is licensed for operation on 1340 kHz, with a daytime and nighttime power level of 1 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna (ND-1).

<sup>2</sup> *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 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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