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Re: Townsquare Media Monmouth-Ocean License, LLC
WOBM(AM), Lakewood Township, New Jersey
Facility Identification Number: 49295
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed June 11, 2013, on behalf of Townsquare Media Monmouth-Ocean License, LLC ("Townsquare Media"). Townsquare Media requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WOBM(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹

In support of the request, Townsquare Media states that Crown Castle, the owner of the towers, replaced incandescent tower light fixtures installing LED lighting fixtures and RF chokes on two of the towers. In addition, a UHF TV antenna and transmission line was removed from a third tower. Thus, Townsquare Media is seeking STA to operate with parameters at variance pending completion of the partial proof and completion of engineering to request new parameters required by the physical changes to the towers.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WOBM(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. Townsquare Media must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² Townsquare Media 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 **December 9, 2013**.

¹ WOBM(AM) is licensed for operation on 1160 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts, and a nighttime power of 8.9 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns during daytime and nighttime hours (DA2-U).

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

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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cc: Townsquare Media Monmouth-Ocean License, LLC