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Geos Communications
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Re: W282BJ (FX), Scranton, PA
Geos Communications
Facility Identification Number: 156961
Special Temporary Authority ("STA")
BSTA-20140401ATN

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to the request filed April 1, 2014, on behalf of Geos Communications ("Geos"). Geos requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate FM translator station W294AB with its licensed facilities at reduced power, to accommodate a change in the translator's primary station. Geos expects that the STA would only be needed for a short period, until its minor change application BPFT-20140227AAC is granted by the staff.

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.

A change in the primary station of an FM translator does not qualify as an "extraordinary circumstance" meriting consideration of an STA request. The fact that the STA service contour would not be extended past the licensed contour, in and of itself, does not merit an STA. Accordingly, STA request BSTA-20140401ATN IS DENIED. Geos must await the outcome of construction permit application BMPFT-20140227AAC before making any technical changes.

Sincerely,



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