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Re: Catholic Community Radio, Inc.  
WPYR(AM), Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Facility Identification Number: 47403  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed April 3, 2014, on behalf of Catholic Community Radio, Inc. ("CCR"). CCR requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate 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, CCR states that due to failure of equipment at the tower that allows the station to monitor and ensure the station is operating within authorized parameters, the station is requesting STA to operate with parameters at variance in accordance with Section 73.69 of the Commission's rules. Specifically the replacement equipment has been ordered by the tower owner and repairs should be completed within a few weeks.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KRNT(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. However, in accordance with Section 73.69(d)(2), immediately before the replacement of the antenna monitor, after a verification that all monitoring point values and the common point current reading are within the limits or tolerances specified in the rules, the following indications must be recorded for each radiation pattern: Final plate current and plate voltage, common point current, antenna monitor phase and current indications, and the field strength at each monitoring point. With the new monitor substituted for the old, all indications specified in paragraph (d)(2) of this section, again must be read. If no change has occurred in the indication for any parameter other than the indications of the antenna monitor, the new antenna monitor indications must be deemed to be those reflecting correct array adjustments.

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. An informal letter request for modification of license shall be submitted to the FCC, within 30 days of the date of monitor replacement.<sup>2</sup> If it cannot be established by the observations required

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<sup>1</sup> WPYR(AM) is licensed for operation on 1380 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts, a nighttime power of 0.06 kW, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

<sup>2</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 73.69(d)

in Section 73.69(d)(2) of the Commission's rules that the common point current reading and the monitoring point values are within the tolerances or limits prescribed by the rules and the instrument of authorization, or if the substitution of the new antenna monitor for the old results in changes in these parameters, a partial proof of performance shall be executed and analyzed in accordance with Section 73.154. CCR 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 7, 2014**.


**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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