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Re: WYLL(AM), Chicago, IL
Facility Identification Number: 28630
Salem Media Group, LLC
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed September 11, 2014, on behalf of Salem Media Group, LLC. ("Salem"). Salem requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WYLL(AM) during nighttime hours with a different antenna system at an alternate site location.¹

In support of its STA request, Salem states that due to a complete malfunction of the nighttime transmitter, the licensee requests to operate nighttime from its licensed daytime site using the authorized daytime directional antenna parameters at a reduced power of 25% of the maximum authorized nighttime power. Therefore, Salem requests STA to operate with a nighttime power of 12.5 kilowatts from the WYLL(AM) daytime site.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service² to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area³ without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

Although the proposed STA operation does not comply with all four of the critical elements

¹ WYLL(AM) is licensed for operation on 1160 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power level of 50 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

² For AM - 5 mV/m; for commercial FM - 3.16 mV/m; for noncommercial educational FM - 1.0 mV/m.

³ For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

above, we feel that an STA is warranted. Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED and BSTA-20140903AGB is SUPERCEDED. Station WYYL(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	42° 02' 30" N, 87° 51' 57" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1160 kHz
Hours of operation	Nighttime
Operating power	Not to exceed 12.5 kilowatts (nighttime)
Antenna type	WYLL(AM)'s currently licensed daytime directional array
ASRNs:	1009053 and 1009054

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Salem 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 **March 18, 2015**.

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: Salem Media Group, LLC