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Re: WRCR(AM), Spring Valley, New York  
Facility Identification Number: 64556  
Alexander Broadcasting, Inc.  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed November 14, 2014, on behalf of Alexander Broadcasting, Inc. ("ABI"). ABI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WRCR(AM) with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, ABI states that the WRCR(AM) facilities have deteriorated through time and have been significantly impacted by periods of heavy flooding. The station anticipates replacing the center tower with a new structure in the near future but at this time that structure is no longer standing and necessitates the current STA request. Specifically, ABI requests STA to operate WRCR(AM) utilizing the #1 easterly tower of its directional array. ABI requests non-directional operation with a daytime power of 125 watts and a nighttime power of 83 watts.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provide for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filed with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(1) provides that AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna in lieu of authorized directional facilities shall operate with power reduced to 25 percent or less of the nominal license power, or a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth.

In order for WRCR(AM) to continue to provide service to the public, we feel grant of the STA is warranted. However, in accordance with Section 73.1680, WRCR(AM) will be permitted to operate with a daytime non-directional power of 125 watts, and nighttime power will be reduced to 20.8 watts, which is 25% of the licensed nighttime power.

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<sup>1</sup> WRCR(AM) is licensed for operation on 1300 kHz with a daytime power of 500 watts and a nighttime power of 83 watts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WRCR(AM) may operate non-directionally from the #1 easterly tower of its directional array with a daytime power of 125 watts and a nighttime power of 20.8 watts. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. ABI 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 **May 20, 2015**.

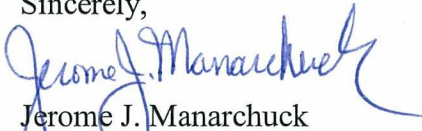
**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice 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: Alexander Broadcasting, Inc.