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

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed November 25, 2014, on behalf of Townsquare Media Monmouth-Ocean License, LLC ("Townsquare"). Townsquare 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 its request Townsquare states that the owner of the station's towers recently completed a tower base reinforcement and guy wire relocation project for two of the station's towers. However, damage occurred to the ground system for one of the towers, and post-construction measurements reveal antenna pattern disturbance. Therefore, Townsquare requests STA to operate WOBM(AM) during daytime and nighttime hours with parameters at variance while maintaining monitor points, pending the completion of the 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 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 31, 2015**.

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 (DA2-U).

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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Media Bureau

cc: Townsquare Media Monmouth-Ocean License, LLC