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Kevin Dowdy
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Re: Flint Media Inc.
WMGR(AM), Bainbridge, Georgia
Facility Identification Number: 52401
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Dowdy

This is in reference to the request filed February 19, 2015, on behalf of Flint Media Inc. ("Flint"). Flint requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WMGR(AM) as a daytime only station.¹ In support of the request, Flint states that due to a recent copper theft, the directional pattern for WMGR(AM)'s nighttime authorization cannot be met. One of the towers is without the buried feed line and sampling lines needed to feed and monitor it. Therefore, Flint requests STA to operate station WMGR(AM) as a daytime only station for 180 days.

Our review indicates that the request complies with Section 73.1740(a)(4).

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WMGR(AM) may continue to operate as a daytime only station. Covenant must notify the Commission when the licensed nighttime operation is restored. Covenant 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 **August 26, 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

¹ WMGR(AM) is licensed for operation on 930 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.5 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).


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: Flint Media Inc.