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Church of the Word  
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Re: Church of the Word  
WFDF(AM), Farmington Hills, MI  
Facility Identification Number: 13664  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the STA request filed on behalf of Church of the Word. Church of the Word requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WFDF(AM) with parameters at variance from its licensed facility (BL-20081211AGB).<sup>1</sup> Specifically, Church of the Word states that it is in the process of completing a Method of Moments proof so that it can file a license application as soon as possible. The application will be filed to relicense the station using the Method of Moments procedures. Therefore, the applicant requests that the station's present STA be superseded by a new STA to operate with antenna monitor parameters determined by the Method of Moments while it completes the proof and submits an FCC Form 302-AM for license.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED and BSTA-20141217AAT IS SUPERCEDED. Station WFDF(AM) may operate during daytime and nighttime hours with licensed power but with the substantially adjusted Method of Moment parameters. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Church of the Word 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 **November 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

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<sup>1</sup> WFDF(AM) is licensed for operation on 910 kHz with a daytime power of 50 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 25 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns during daytime and nighttime hours (DAD-U).

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: Marnie K. Sarver (via email only)