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Media Power Group, Inc. Suite 401 171 Carlos Chardon Avenue San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-0903

Re:

Media Power Group, Inc. WSKN(AM), San Juan, PR Facility Identification Number: 10062 Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed on behalf of Media Power Group, Inc. ("MPG"). MPG requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WSKN(AM) from an alternate site location.¹ In support of the request, MPG states that for reasons outside of its control the licensee is losing its licensed site. Therefore, the station is requesting STA to relocate the station and to diplex the operation with AM station WRSJ(AM). Specifically, WSKN(AM) requests STA to the relocate to the WRSJ(AM) transmitter site which is located 10.2 kilometers southwest of the licensed WSKN(AM) site. It is proposed to operate non-directionally with a daytime power of 4.2 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 2.6 kilowatts.

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 service to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area² without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED, however the nighttime power will need to be reduced to not exceed WSKN(AM)'s currently licensed nighttime power of 2.3 kilowatts. Station WSKN(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	18° 20′ 59″ N, 66° 09′ 26″ W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1320 KHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	4.2 kilowatts (daytime), 2.3 kilowatts (nighttime)
Antenna type	Existing WRSJ(AM) tower
Overall height (AGL)	48 meters
Antenna efficiency	276.4

¹ WSKN(AM) is licensed for operation on 1320 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts a nighttime power of 2.3 kilowatts, employing a nondirectional antenna pattern (ND1-U).

 $^{^{2}}$ For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WSKN(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WSKN(AM) 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 23, 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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