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Windy City Broadcasting, LLC  
c/o Mr. Aaron Shainis  
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Re: W280EM (FX), Chicago, IL  
Windy City Broadcasting, LLC  
Facility Identification Number: 140763  
Special Temporary Authority  
BSTA-20150526ACH

Dear Mr. Shainis:

This is in reference to your request filed May 26, 2015. You request special temporary authority ("STA") to operate FM translator W280EM from a location atop the John Hancock building in Chicago. This STA is filed as part of a settlement addressing interference issues relating to W280EM's currently authorized site (see license application BLFT-20150120AIR).

The request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station W280EM may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	41° 53' 56" N, 87° 37' 23" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	280D (103.9 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.015 kilowatt (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	355 meters
above mean sea level:	536 meters
above average terrain:	357 meters
Antenna Structure Registration No.:	1009012

W280EM shall use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines, in accordance with the John Hancock Building's master RF plan. See 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This initial STA authority expires on **September 1, 2015**. Extensions of this authority may be requested and granted if circumstances warrant. This action implies no judgment on W280EM's pending application BPFT-20150209ABD.

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**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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