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Salem Media of New York, LLC  
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Re: Salem Media of New York, LLC  
WMCA(AM), New York, NY  
Facility Identification Number: 58626  
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed June 9, 2015, on behalf of Salem Media of New York, LLC ("Salem"). Salem requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WMCA(AM) with temporary facilities.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, Salem is requesting a daytime nondirectional operation from any of the three towers in the array, while the other towers are being painted. Salem is requesting operation with 25% of the licensed daytime operating power.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED and BESTA-20140514ADK is SUPERCEDED. Station WMCA(AM) may operate nondirectional during daytime hours from any of the three towers in the array with a maximum power of 1.25 kilowatts, while the other towers in the array are being painted. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Salem must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> Salem 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 **September 30, 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

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<sup>1</sup> WMCA(AM) is licensed for operation on 570 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing the same directional antenna pattern (DA1-U).

<sup>2</sup> *See* 47 CFR § 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).

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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cc: Frank R. Jazzo, Esq. (via email only)