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Pentecostal Temple Development Corporation
6300 East Liberty Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Re: Pentecostal Temple Development Corporation
WGBN(AM), McKeesport, PA
Facility Identification Number: 59695
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed July 17, 2015, on behalf of Pentecostal Temple Development Corporation ("Pentecostal"). Pentecostal requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WGBN(AM) with reduced hours of operation.¹ In support of the request, Pentecostal states that the station operates its daytime and nighttime operations from two different transmitter sites and the only way to provide a reliable audio signal to the nighttime site has been through utilization of an internet service connection. Pentecostal also states that reliable internet service is currently not available and therefore WGBN(AM) requests STA to operate daytime only.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WGBN(AM) may temporarily operate its daytime operation only. Pentecostal must notify the Commission when the licensed nighttime operation is restored.² Pentecostal 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 **October 24, 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

¹ WGBN(AM) is licensed for operation on 1360 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern during nighttime hours (DAN-U).

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).

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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