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Family Stations, Inc.
112 North Elm Street
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Re: Family Stations, Inc.
WKDN(AM), Philadelphia, PA
Facility Identification Number: 25095
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed September 11, 2015, on behalf of Family Stations, Inc. ("FSI"). FSI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WKDN(AM)'s nighttime facility with reduced power from the station's daytime transmitter site location.¹

FSI states that its air conditioning unit has experienced problems preventing nighttime operation from its authorized site. The station is currently operating during nighttime hours from the station's authorized daytime site at reduced power to maintain monitor point compliance. Thus, the station is requesting STA to continue to operate at night from its authorized daytime site with reduced power until the air conditioning repairs are made.

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 service² to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area³ 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 HEREBY GRANTED. Station WKDN(AM) may operate

¹ WKDN(AM) is licensed for operation on 950 kHz with a daytime power of 43 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 21 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

² For AM - 5 mV/m; for commercial FM - 3.16 mV/m; for noncommercial educational FM - 1.0 mV/m.

³ For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	39° 58' 28" N, 75° 16' 19" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	950 KHz
Hours of operation	Nighttime
Operating power	Not to exceed 5 kW
Antenna type	WKDN(AM)'s licensed daytime array

There is no proposed change to WKDN(AM)'s daytime operation. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. FSI 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 **December 22, 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerome" and last name "Manarchuck" clearly legible.

Jerome J Manarchuck
Audio Division
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cc: Michelle A. McClure, Esq. (via email only)