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Principle NY Holding Co., LLC 726 Exchange Street Suite 410 Buffalo, NY 14210

Re:

Principle NY Holding Co., LLC WLIE(AM), Islip, New York

Facility Identification Number: 37805

Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed October 2, 2015, on behalf of Principle NY Holding Co., LLC ("Principle"). Principle requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WLIE(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹

Station WLIE(AM) is licensed to operate directionally during daytime and nighttime hours. Due to deterioration, the station's skirt wire must be replaced and such replacement must be undertaken in segments. Thus, the station requests STA to operate with parameters at variance until the wire is replaced and all subsequent technical measurements and adjustments have been completed.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WLIE(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Principle must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² Principle 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 April 13, 2016.

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

¹ WLIE(AM) is licensed for operation on 540 kHz with a daytime power of 10 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.22 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

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

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,

Jerome J. Manarchuck

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