

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
445 TWELFTH STREET SW
WASHINGTON DC 20554**

**MEDIA BUREAU
AUDIO DIVISION
APPLICATION STATUS:** (202) 418-2730
HOME PAGE: www.fcc.gov/mb/audio/

ENGINEER: Jerome J. Manarchuck
TELEPHONE: (202) 418-7226
FACSIMILE: (202) 418-1410
E-MAIL: Jerome.Manarchuck@fcc.gov

January 4, 2016

GB Enterprises Communiations Corp.
C/O George R. Reed, Receiver
149 Roscoe Blvd. South
Ponte Vedra, FL 32082

Re: GB Enterprises Communiations Corp.
WHNR(AM), Cypress Gardens, Florida
Facility Identification Number: 21766
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed December 23, 2015, on behalf of GB Enterprises Communications Corp. ("GBECC"). GBECC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WHNR(AM) with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ In support of the request, GBECC states that one of the three towers used by the station had fallen down and had not been restored to operational status. The repair of the tower and the restoration of the station to operation in accordance with the parameters of its license were further complicated by a state court's placement of the station and GB itself into a receivership. Therefore, GBECC is requesting STA to operate with the same facilities that were granted in BSTA-20140909AET.

Specifically, GBECC is requesting an STA to operate with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts daytime and 0.625 kilowatt nighttime. These parameters are identical to the technical parameters of the STA originally requested by GBECC in April of 2010.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provide for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filed with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(1) states that AM stations may use a horizontal or vertical wire or a nondirectional vertical element of a directional antenna as an emergency antenna. AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna or a horizontal or vertical wire pursuant to this section, in lieu of authorized directional facilities, shall operate with power reduced to 25% or less of the nominal licensed power, or, a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth for the corresponding hours of directional operation.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WHNR(AM) may operate with

¹ WHNR(AM) is licensed for operation on 1360 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 2.5 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

an emergency non-directional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts daytime and 0.625 kilowatt nighttime. It will be necessary to further reduce or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. GBECC must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. GBECC 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. Our review indicates that the circumstances presented warrant grant of STA in order to provide for service to the public. However, in light of the lapse of time between the expiration of the prior STA and the filing of the instant request, the authority granted will not cover the period between March 10, 2015 and the filing of the instant request.

This authority expires on **July 3, 2016**.

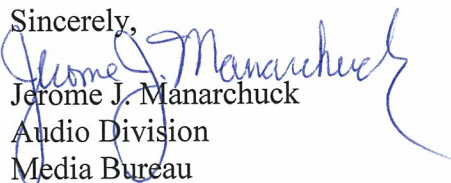
STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice 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
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Lewis J. Paper, Esq. (via email only)