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Way Broadcasting Licensee, LLC  
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Re: Way Broadcasting Licensee, LLC  
WFBR(AM), Glen Burnie, MD  
Facility Identification Number: 19673  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed December 23, 2015 on behalf of Way Broadcasting Licensee, LLC ("WBL"). WBL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WFBR(AM) without an antenna monitor while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits pursuant to §73.1635 and §73.68 of the Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup>

WBL states that WFBR(AM) has been plagued by copper-stealing thieves who have repeatedly vandalized the WFBR(AM) transmitter site. More recently, portions of two WFBR(AM) sample lines have been stolen. As a result, the antenna monitor cannot be used and therefore WBL's engineer is taking monitor point measurements to verify that the station is operating according to licensed parameters. Thus, WBL respectfully requests STA to operate WFBR(AM) without portions of its sample lines until they are replaced and the system is recalibrated.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WFBR(AM) may operate at variance from its license in accordance with §73.1635 and §73.68 of the Commission's rules. Specifically, the station may operate without portions of its sample lines and without an antenna monitor, however it must maintain monitor points within licensed limits. Additionally, in accordance with §73.68, immediately prior to modification or replacement of components of the sampling system, and after a verification that all monitoring point values and operating parameters are within the limits or tolerances specified in the rules, the following indications must be recorded for each radiation pattern: Final plate current and plate voltage, common point current, antenna monitor phase and current indications, and the field strength at each monitoring point. Subsequent to these modifications or changes the procedure must be repeated. If monitoring point field strengths or antenna monitor parameters exceed allowable limits following the replacement or modification of that portion of the sampling system above the base of the towers, a partial proof of performance shall be executed in accordance with §73.154. The partial proof of performance shall be accompanied by common point impedance measurements made in accordance with §73.54. Request for modification of license shall be submitted to the FCC in Washington, DC, within 30 days of the sampling system

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<sup>1</sup> WFBR(AM) is licensed for operation on 1590 kHz with a daytime power of 1 kilowatt and a nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns during daytime and nighttime hours (DA2-U).

modification or replacement. Such request shall specify the transmitter plate voltage and plate current, common point current, base currents and their ratios, antenna monitor phase and current indications, and all other data obtained pursuant to this paragraph.

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WBL 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 **July 4, 2016**.

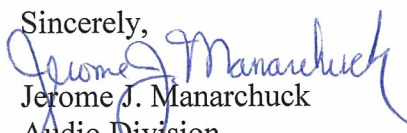
**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice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

  
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