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New Inspiration Broadcasting Company, Inc. 4880 Santa Rosa Rd. Camarillo, CA 93012

> Re: New Inspiration Broadcasting Company, Inc. KCBQ(AM), San Diego, CA Facility Identification Number: 13509 Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed December 9, 2015, on behalf of New Inspiration Broadcasting Company, Inc. ("NIBC"). NIBC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KCBQ(AM) with nighttime parameters at variance from licensed values.¹

In support of the request, NIBC states that KCBQ(AM) is experiencing difficulty switching from the day directional mode to the night directional mode. Initial investigation points to a problem with several conductors and thus the station does not have the ability to switch to the night operating mode. Therefore, KCBQ(AM) requests STA to utilize its daytime pattern during nighttime hours but with a reduced power of 2.1 kilowatts. No changes to the licensed daytime facility are requested.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WLIB(AM) may operate with nighttime parameters at variance from licensed values. Specifically, the station may employ the daytime pattern during nighttime hours but with a reduced power of 2.1 kilowatts. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. NIBC must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² NIBC must also 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.

¹ KCBQ(AM) is licensed for operation on 1170 kHz with a daytime directional power of 50 kilowatts and a nighttime directional power of 2.9 kilowatts employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

² See 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)

This authority expires on July 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 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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cc: Frank R. Jazzo, Esq. (via email only)