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Citicasters Licenses, Inc.
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Re: Citicasters Licenses, Inc.
WCKY(AM), Cincinnati, Ohio
Facility Identification Number: 51722
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed June 10, 2016, on behalf of Citicasters Licenses, Inc. ("CLI"). CLI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WCKY(AM) during nighttime hours with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ In support of the request, CLI states that a coil in the night array phasing equipment has failed and a replacement is expected to arrive the week of June 13, 2016. Therefore, the station is requesting STA to operate with emergency antenna facilities.

Specifically, WCKY(AM) is requesting STA to operate non-directionally during nighttime hours from tower #1 (ASRN# 1047779) of the authorized nighttime array with reduced power. This tower is used for the daytime non-directional operation.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provides 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) provides that AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna in lieu of authorized directional facilities shall operate with power reduced to 25 percent 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.

Our review indicates that the request complies with Section 73.1680.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WCKY(AM) may operate nighttime from tower #1 of nighttime array with a reduced power not to exceed 12.5 kilowatts. It will

¹ WLRO(AM) is licensed for operation on 1210 kHz with 10 kilowatts daytime and 1 kilowatt nighttime, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CLI must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² CLI 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 10, 2016**.

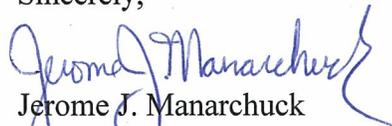
STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice 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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² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).