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Flint Media Inc.  
521 South Scott Street  
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Re: Flint Media Inc.  
WMGR(AM), Bainbridge, GA  
Facility Identification Number: 52401  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed July 19, 2016, on behalf of Flint Media Inc. ("FMI"). FMI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WMGR(AM) daytime only with reduced power.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, FMI states that due to technical problems with the transmitter and/or antenna system, WMGR(AM) is only able to operate with 50 watts. Therefore, FMI requests STA for 90 days so that it can make the repairs.

Section 73.1560(d), which governs reduced power operation, states:

In the event it becomes technically impossible to operate at authorized power, a broadcast station may operate at reduced power for a period of not more than 30 days without specific authority from the FCC. If operation at reduced power will exceed 10 consecutive days, notification must be made to the FCC in Washington, DC, Attention: Audio Division (radio) or Video Division (television), Media Bureau, not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the lower power operation. In the event that normal power is restored within the 30 day period, the licensee must notify the FCC of the date that normal operation was restored. If causes beyond the control of the licensee prevent restoration of the authorized power within 30 days, a request for Special Temporary Authority (see Section 73.1635) must be made to the FCC in Washington, DC for additional time as may be necessary.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WMGR(AM) may operate daytime only with reduced power. FMI must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. FMI 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.

This authority expires on **October 20, 2016**.

**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the

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<sup>1</sup> WMGR(AM) is licensed for operation on 930 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.5 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).


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: Chris Hall (via email only)