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Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC  
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Re: Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC  
WZRC(AM), New York, New York  
Facility Identification Number: 27398  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed August 16, 2016, on behalf of Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC ("Multicultural"). Multicultural requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WZRC(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, Multicultural states that WWRV(AM) holds a construction permit (BP-20131104AQW) to duplex at the WZRC(AM) site. Implementation of the WWRV(AM) facility will require installation of duplex equipment and periods of nighttime non-directional operation. In addition, the licensee also states that due to the age and declining structural condition, the four tower WZRC(AM) array will be dismantled and new towers will be erected.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. The station may operate directionally with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits. In addition the station may operate non-directionally during daytime and nighttime hours from any of the towers in the array with a power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Multicultural must use whatever means are

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<sup>1</sup> WZRC(AM) is licensed for operation on 1480 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

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. Additionally, since WZRC(AM) is planning to replace each of its towers, the station will need to file a partial proof of performance and FCC Form-302 will need to be filed upon completion of the replacement of towers.

This authority expires on **February 14, 2017**.


**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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Media Bureau

cc: Mark N. Lipp, Esq. (via email only)