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Re: WXVA(AM), Winchester, VA
Facility Identification Number: 4668
Winchester Radio Broadcasters, LLC
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Mr. Schober:

This is in reference to the request filed September 15, 2016, on behalf of Winchester Radio Broadcasters, LLC ("WRB"). WRB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate the nighttime operation of station WXVA(AM) from the station's daytime site and using the daytime facilities.¹

In support of the request, WRB states that the STA is being requested to restore operation of WXVA(AM) during night hours, at reduced power utilizing an omnidirectional antenna from the licensed daytime site. The proposed STA site is different than that described for night operation in the license, a site which is not available to the licensee for broadcasting. Specifically, WRB seeks STA for non-directional nighttime operation employing WXVA(AM)'s daytime antenna at reduced power of 125 watts.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service² to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area³ without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA. Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with the foregoing criteria.

¹ WXVA(AM) is licensed for operation on 610 kHz with a daytime power of 0.38 kilowatt and a nighttime power of 0.5 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DA-N).

² For AM - 5 mV/m; for commercial FM - 3.16 mV/m; for noncommercial educational FM - 1.0 mV/m.

³ For AM - 0.5 mV/r1 contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WXVA(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	39° 07' 26" N, 78° 12' 44" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	610 KHz
Hours of operation	Nighttime hours only ⁴
Operating power	Not to exceed 0.125 kW
Antenna type	Existing tower with folded unipole feed
Radiator height	57.3° (78.2 meters)
Overall height	79.7 meters
ASRN	1025561
Antenna efficiency	284 mV/m/km/kW

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WRB 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 **March 29, 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.

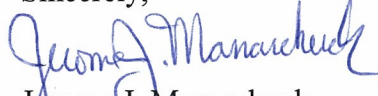
Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;

⁴ Daytime operation will be conducted pursuant to License BL-20111129GCP. Operation between 6:00 a.m. and local sunrise may be conducted pursuant to the Pre-Sunrise Authority issued on December 27, 2011.

- 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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