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Western New Life, Inc.
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Re: WNVE (FM), Ceiba, PR
Western New Life, Inc.
Facility Identification Number: 3250
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BSTA-20170109ACH

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to the request filed January 9, 2017, on behalf of Western New Life, Inc. ("WNL"). WNL requests Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to operate on the licensed channel, Channel 269A, from a nearby tower with the directional antenna pattern specified in construction permit BPH-20140717ACI.

As filed, the request for STA cannot be granted. I find that the STA proposal would extend the STA 60 dBu service contour significantly beyond the licensed 60 dBu contour location, toward the southeast of WNVE, in the vicinity of Humacao, PR. This would result in increased interference within the licensed service contour of first-adjacent channel station WZAR, Channel 270B, Ponce, PR. This is not acceptable.

However, if the effective radiated power (ERP) is reduced to 0.100 kW (100 watts), the STA service contour will be tangent to or inside of the 60 dBu licensed service contour. Therefore, **STA IS GRANTED WITH THE MAXIMUM ERP LIMITED TO 0.100 KW.** The CDBS database will be modified to reflect this limited ERP.

WNL must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. See 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on August 7, 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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