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TSJ Radio, LLC  
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Re: TSJ Radio, LLC  
WVKO(AM), Columbus, Ohio  
Facility Identification Number: 22341  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed February 28, 2017, on behalf of TSJ Radio, LLC ("TRL"). TRL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WVKO(AM) with parameters at variance from license values.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, TRL proposes to operate during daytime hours with its nighttime antenna pattern.

In support of its request, TRL states that due to damage to the day/night control system, it has been impossible to switch between day and night operation. In addition, due to excessively wet conditions, it is not possible to access the ATUs to switch manually. Therefore, until the field dries to the point where access can be made and control wiring repaired or replaced, TRL requests STA to operate the licensed daytime pattern during nighttime hours at 25% of the station's licensed nighttime power.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WVKO(AM) may operate with its daytime pattern during nighttime hours, however the **power must not exceed 39 watts**. No changes are proposed to the daytime operation. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. TRL must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> TRL 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.

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<sup>1</sup> WVKO(AM) is licensed for operation on 1580 kHz with a daytime power of 3.2 kilowatts and nighttime power of 0.29 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

<sup>2</sup> *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)

This authority expires on **August 30, 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,

  
Jerome J. Manarchuck  
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Media Bureau

cc: Aaron P. Shainis, Esq. (via email only)