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FRC of Alabama, LLC D/B/A
Focus Radio Communications
1108 Woodmont Ave SE
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Re: FRC of Alabama, LLC D/D/A
Focus Radio Communications
WTKI(AM), Huntsville, AL
Facility Identification Number: 30965
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed March 20, 2017, on behalf of FRC of Alabama, LLC D/D/A Focus Radio Communications ("FRC"). FRC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WTKI(AM) from an alternate site location with a long wire antenna.¹ In support of the request, FRC states that the station has lost its licensed transmitter site. Therefore, WTKI(AM) is requesting an STA to operate from its studio site with a long wire antenna and reduced power, until it can negotiate a permanent transmitter site location.

Specifically, WTKI(AM) requests daytime and nighttime operation from the studio site which is located 0.3 mile away from the licensed WTKI(AM) site. The station proposes to operate with a 169 foot long wire antenna and power reduced to 550 watts. The long wire will be supported by two utility poles with the wire stretched between the poles at a height of 54 feet above ground level

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 service to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area² without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

¹ WTKI(AM) is licensed for operation on 1450 kHz with a power of 1 kilowatt (unlimited hours), employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND1-U).

² For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED. Station WTKI(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	34° 43' 43" N, 86° 36' 01" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1450 KHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	0.55 kilowatt (unlimited hours)
Antenna type	169 foot long wire antenna
Antenna height above ground	Wire strung between poles at 54 feet above ground level

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WTKI(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WTKI(AM) 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 **September 27, 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.

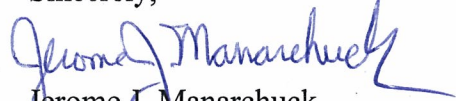
Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. 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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