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Pennsylvania Media Associates, Inc.
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Re: Pennsylvania Media Associates, Inc.
WFIL(AM), Philadelphia, PA
Facility Identification Number: 52193
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed May 19, 2017, on behalf of Pennsylvania Media Associates, Inc. ("PMA"). PMA requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WFIL(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹ In addition, the station requests the option to operate the station non-directionally from one of the towers to facilitate any repairs and adjustments if necessary.

In support of its request PMA states it is believed that a component failure has contributed to an unexpected drop in phase and power in Tower #3. Therefore, WFIL(AM) requests STA to operate with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits until the matter can be resolved and any necessary adjustments/repairs made. In addition, the station is requesting the option to operate non-directionally from one of the towers in the array with power reduced to 25% of licensed power.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WFIL(AM) may operate during daytime and nighttime hours with parameters at variance while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. In addition, the station may operate non-directionally from one of the towers in the array with a daytime and nighttime power of 1.25 kilowatts. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. PMA must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess

¹ WFIL(AM) is licensed for operation on 560 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **November 21, 2017**.

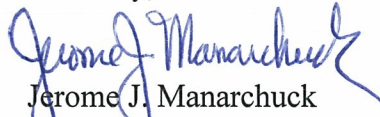
STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice 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
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Frank R. Jazzo, Esq. (via email only)