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Capstar TX LLC
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Re: Capstar TX LLC
WWNC(AM), Asheville, North Carolina
Facility Identification Number: 2946
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed May 17, 2017, on behalf of Capstar TX LLC ("CTL"). CTL requests special temporary authority ("STA") pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the Commission's rules to operate station WWNC(AM) with parameters at variance. Specifically, WWNC(AM) is requesting temporary non-directional operation employing tower #1 of its nighttime directional array.

In support of the request, CTL states that WWNC(AM) is requesting operation with parameters at variance in preparation for the installation of the W225CJ antenna permitted in BMPFT-20170412AAE. W225CJ is licensed for operation on tower #4 (ASRN: 1007876) of the WWNC(AM) array. CTL requests STA for non-directional operation during daytime and nighttime hours from tower #1 (ASRN: 1007873) of the array to facilitate construction of the W225CJ facility on tower #4. Operation with 25% of licensed power is requested.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WWNC(AM) may temporarily operate non-directionally during daytime and nighttime hours with power levels reduced to 25% of licensed power. Specifically, WWNC(AM) may operate daytime and nighttime from tower #1 with a reduced power of 1.25 kilowatts. It will be necessary to further reduce or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CTL 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 **December 6, 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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cc: Troy Langham (via email only)