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Flinn Broadcasting Corporation  
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Re: Flinn Broadcasting Corporation  
WHBQ(AM), Memphis, Tennessee  
Facility Identification Number: 21727  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed July 7, 2017, on behalf Flinn Broadcasting Corporation ("FBC"). FBC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WHBQ(AM) with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, FBC requests that station WHBQ(AM) be allowed to operate during daytime and nighttime hours employing the station's nighttime pattern and with the daytime power reduced to 1 kilowatt.

FBC states that storm damage to the transmitter building has made the electrical system for switching between the daytime and nighttime directional antenna patterns inoperable. FBC believes that the switching problem may be due to water damage to underground cabling that runs between the transmitter building and the tower bases. Therefore, until repairs are made, WHBQ(AM) requests STA to operate with its nighttime pattern during daytime hours and with power reduced to 1 kilowatt.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WHBQ(AM) may operate during daytime hours with its nighttime pattern and with power reduced to 1 kilowatt. There is no change to the nighttime operation. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. FBC must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> FBC 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> WHBQ(AM) is licensed for operation on 560 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

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

This authority expires on **January 6, 2018**.

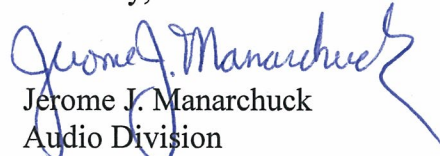
**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice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