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August 23, 2017

Baraga Broadcasting, Inc.  
1020 Hastings Street, Suite 101  
Traverse City, MI 49686

Re: WGZR (FM), Alpena, MI  
Baraga Broadcasting, Inc.  
Facility Identification Number: 171725  
Special Temporary Authority  
BSTA-20170810ABZ

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to the request filed August 10, 2017, on behalf of Baraga Broadcasting, Inc. ("Baraga"). Baraga requests special temporary authority ("STA") for temporary facilities at the site specified in its construction permit (file no. BPED-20160426ABD, until it can implement the construction permit facilities.

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<sup>1</sup> to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area<sup>2</sup> without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

The current STA request fails to comply with these criteria. The STA site is located well outside the licensed service contour of WGZR, and the area covered by the proposed STA operation is materially larger than WGZR's licensed service area. Additionally, most of the 60 dBu STA service area would lie outside the licensed service area. Such changes require a construction permit.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, the STA request IS DENIED.

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<sup>1</sup> For AM - 5 mV/m; for commercial FM - 3.16 mV/m; for noncommercial educational FM - 1.0 mV/m.

<sup>2</sup> For FM, the 60 dBu (1.0 mV/m) contour.

<sup>3</sup> We are willing to expedite a modification of construction permit application to allow Baraga to implement changed facilities, provided that the proposal is modified to achieve 50% coverage of Alpena, MI with the 60 dBu service contour. See 47 CFR Section 73.515.

This action does not preclude Baraga from filing a new Engineering STA request for WGZR that would comply with the criteria set forth in the second paragraph above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dale Bickel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dale" and last name "Bickel" clearly distinguishable.

Dale Bickel  
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cc: Dennis Kelly (via e-mail only)