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Lewis Broadcasting, LLC
133 West Main Street
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Re: Lewis Broadcasting, LLC
WJZI(AM), Decatur, Indiana
Facility Identification Number: 71465
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed October 5, 2017, on behalf of Lewis Broadcasting, LLC ("LBL"). LBL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WJZI(AM) with emergency antenna facilities at its licensed site.¹ Station WJZI(AM) went off the air October 30, 2016 and therefore must resume broadcast operations by 12:01 a.m., October 31, 2017 or its broadcast license will expire as a matter of law.

In support of the request, LBL states that the station went off the air on September 13, 2014, due to a lightning strike. The licensee was nearing being able to return to the air when on April 9, 2015, high winds caused the station's tower, to collapse. The station was later granted an STA (BSTA-20161005AAW) to operate from its licensed site with an emergency wire antenna but then went silent on October 30, 2016 for technical reasons. This request is for the same STA facilities proposed in BSTA-20161005AAW and granted on October 5, 2016.

Specifically, WJZI(AM) requests STA to operate from its licensed site location with a 151 foot long wire stretched 10 feet above the ground between two poles. The proposed facility will operate with no more than 62.5 watts, which is 25% of the station's licensed power.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provide for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filed with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(1) states that AM stations may use a horizontal or vertical wire or a

¹ WJZI(AM) is licensed for daytime operation on 1540 kHz with a power of 0.25 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (NDD-D).

non-directional vertical element of a directional antenna as an emergency antenna. AM stations using an emergency non-directional antenna or a horizontal or vertical wire pursuant to this section, in lieu of authorized directional facilities, shall operate with power reduced to 25% or less of the nominal licensed power, or, a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth for the corresponding hours of directional operation.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WJZI(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	40° 49' 14" N, 84° 55' 12" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1540 KHz
Hours of operation	Daytime only
Operating power	62.5 watts
Antenna type	151 foot (46 m) emergency wire antenna
Overall height above ground level	3.0 meters (10')

It will be necessary to further reduce or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. LBL 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 **April 11, 2018**.

Notwithstanding the grant of this STA or the expiration date specified herein, the station's license will expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., October 31, 2017. *See* Pub. Law No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, Section 403(1)(1996) and *Order, Silent Station Authorizations*, FCC 96-218 (released May 17, 1996). *See also* *Public Notice, Expedited Processing of Applications Filed by Silent Stations*, DA 96-818 (May 22, 1996). The licensee must notify the Audio Division immediately upon resumption of broadcasting.

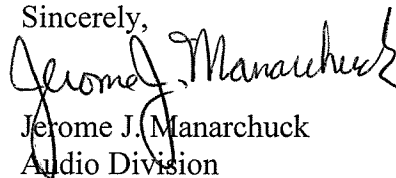
STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerome J. Manarchuck", written over the typed name.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Matthew H. McCormick, Esq. (via email only)