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Pennsylvania Media Associates, Inc.
4880 Santa Rosa Road
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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 November 6, 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 support of its request, PMA states that Verizon Wireless has started construction of a new monopole tower near the WFIL(AM) directional antenna array. The completed tower will be detuned at the WFIL(AM) operating frequency to minimize the effect of the construction on the WFIL(AM) directional antenna system. During the construction and until the tower is properly detuned it is expected there will be times the WFIL(AM) daytime and/or nighttime directional patterns may be affected by the construction. WFIL(AM) would like to operate the directional antenna systems with reduced power and/or with its non-directional antenna during the construction to assure worker safety. 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 construction is complete and the new monopole tower is properly detuned at the WFIL(AM) frequency.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED and BSTA-20170519ACL IS SUPERSEDED. Station WFIL(AM) may operate during daytime and nighttime hours with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. In addition, the station may operate non-directionally from one of the towers in the array with the

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).

daytime and nighttime power not to exceed 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 of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **May 7, 2018**.

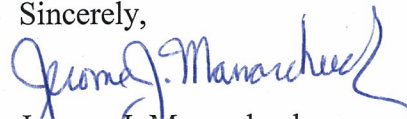
STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice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

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