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Chicago Newsweb Corporation  
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Re: Chicago Newsweb Corporation  
WAIT(AM), Crystal Lake, Illinois  
Facility Identification Number: 53504  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant

This is in reference to the request filed December 21, 2017, on behalf of Chicago Newsweb Corporation ("CNC"). CNC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WAIT(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request CNC states that a cluster of repairs and strategic work is being performed on the station's 30 year old antenna and monitoring systems. Such work includes replacing the station's failed antenna monitor, removing abandoned antennas, associated transmission lines, and iso-couplers from one tower, effecting rehabilitative repairs to the obstruction lighting circuits and antenna tuning units of multiple towers, and extensive ground system restoration. Therefore, WAIT(AM) requests STA to operate with parameters at variance as may be necessary to maintain monitoring points.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WAIT(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It is noted that the station is limited to a nominal daytime power of **2.5 kilowatts** not 2.7 kilowatts which was specified on the Engineering STA form. In addition, since the station is replacing its antenna monitor, CNC must follow the procedures outlined in Section 73.69(d) of the Commission's rules. Finally, it will be necessary to further

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<sup>1</sup> WAIT(AM) is licensed for operation on 850 kHz with a daytime power of 2.5 kilowatts, employing a directional antenna pattern (DAD-D).

reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CNC 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 **August 15, 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,



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