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Pentecostal Temple Development Corporation  
6300 East Liberty Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Re: Pentecostal Temple Development Corporation  
WGBN(AM), McKeesport, PA  
Facility Identification Number: 59695  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed January 10, 2018, on behalf of Pentecostal Temple Development Corporation ("PTDC"). PTDC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WGBN(AM) during daytime hours from the stations licensed nighttime site and also requests non-directional operation at night with reduced power.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request PTDC states that WGBN(AM)'s licensed daytime site is no longer available for use by WGBN(AM). Therefore, the station requests STA to operate both daytime and nighttime from its licensed nighttime site. In addition, the station requests non-directional operation both daytime and nighttime until it is able to remotely switch between the non-directional daytime pattern and the directional nighttime pattern.

Specifically, WGBN(AM) requests STA to operate non-directionally during daytime hours from the station's nighttime site, which is located 12.6 kilometers southeast of the licensed daytime sight. Station WGBN(AM) proposes to operate with a reduced daytime power of 1 kilowatt and a reduced nighttime power of 0.25 kilowatt on an existing tower. The Antenna Structure Registration Number (ASRN) for the existing tower is 1026651.

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 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

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<sup>1</sup> WGBN(AM) is licensed for operation on 1360 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

<sup>2</sup> For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED, however the non-directional nighttime power must not exceed 53 watts. Station WGBN(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	40° 18' 41" N, 79° 50' 59" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1360 KHz
Hours of operation	Daytime and Nighttime
Operating power	1 kilowatt (daytime), 0.053 kilowatt (nighttime)
Antenna type	Existing tower
ASRN	1026651
Antenna efficiency	311.88 mV/m/kW/km

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WGBN(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WGBN(AM) 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 **August 28, 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.

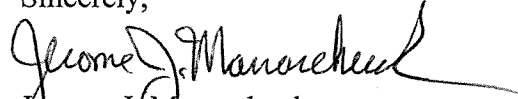
Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerome J. Manarchuck", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jerome J. Manarchuck  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Dan J. Alpert, Esq. (via email only)