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Daily News Broadcasting Company
P.O. Box 930
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Re: Daily News Broadcasting Company
WKCT(AM), Bowling Green, KY
Facility Identification Number: 65589
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed March 1, 2018, on behalf of Daily News Broadcasting Company ("DNB"). DNB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to turn WKCT(AM) off at night and operate in daytime non-directional mode only until its damaged equipment can be repaired.¹

In support of the request DNB states that the sampling system and the antenna tuning unit for one of the WKCT(AM) towers used for the nighttime directional array was damaged in a wind storm. The damage to the antenna tuning unit prohibits the station from switching to directional mode and the damage to the sampling system prohibits monitoring the tower for legal operation. Therefore, since the station can not meet the minimum operating schedule requirements of Section 73.1740, the station is requesting STA to operate daytime only until the equipment can be repaired.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WKCT(AM) may operate daytime only with its licensed non-directional facility. DNB must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² DNB 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.

¹ WKCT(AM) is licensed for operation on 930 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.5 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

² See 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)

This authority expires on **June 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,


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Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Alan D. Cooper (via email only)