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WRBS-AM, LLC
3500 Commerce Drive
Baltimore, MD 21227

Re: WRBS-AM, LLC
WRBS(AM), Baltimore, MD
Facility Identification Number: 25527
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed February 27, 2018, on behalf of WRBS-AM, LLC ("WL"). WL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WRBS(AM) from an alternate site location.¹ In support of the request, WL states that WRBS(AM) is losing its site necessitating the request for operation at another suitable location. Thus, an STA is requested to triplex from the current site of AM stations WOLB(AM) and WWIN(AM).

Specifically, WRBS(AM) requests an STA to operate non-directionally during daytime and nighttime hours with a power of 400 watts. Operation is proposed from an existing 289 foot tower. The FCC Antenna Structure Registration Number for the existing tower is 1241567. Operation from this location is requested for 6 months to afford the licensee sufficient time to complete steps necessary for the securing of a suitable permanent replacement site.

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 area² without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED.

¹ WRBS(AM) is licensed for operation on 1230 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND1-U).

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

Station WRBS(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	39° 18' 06" N, 76° 34' 09" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1230 KHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	0.4 kilowatt
Antenna type	Existing 289 foot tower
ASRN	1241567
Electrical height of radiator	128.35°
Antenna efficiency	330.68 mV/m/kW at 1 km

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WRBS(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WRBS(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 on **September 3, 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.

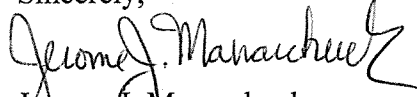
Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously.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

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

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