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Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc.  
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Re: Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc.  
WDIZ(AM), Panama City, FL  
Facility Identification Number: 66666  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed March 14, 2018 on behalf of Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc. ("Clear Channel"). Clear Channel requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WDIZ(AM) at night with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, Clear Channel states that the night mode directional antenna array system has malfunctioned with a high VSWR reading, therefore the station is requesting STA to operate non-directionally at night with a power of 625 watts.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provide for operation with emergency antenna facilities provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filed with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(1) provides that AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna in lieu of authorized directional facilities shall operate with power reduced to 25 percent or less of the nominal license power, or a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WDIZ(AM) may operate nondirectionally from one of the towers in the array and with a reduced power not to exceed 625 watts nighttime. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Clear Channel must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> Clear Channel 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

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<sup>1</sup> WDIZ(AM) is licensed for operation on 590 kHz with a daytime power of 1.7 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 2.5 kilowatts, employing a directional antenna pattern during nighttime hours (DAN-U).

<sup>2</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).

guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **September 12, 2018**.

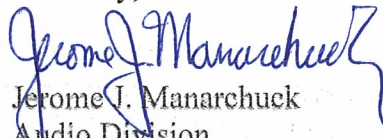
**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice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