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Citicasters Licenses, Inc. 7136 S. Yale Avenue Suite 501 Tulsa, OK 74136

Re:

Citicasters Licenses, Inc. WDDV(AM), Venice, Florida Facility Identification Number: 3060 Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed September 25, 2017, on behalf Citicasters Licenses, Inc. ("CLI"). CLI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WDDV(AM) during nighttime hours with its daytime antenna pattern and with its power reduced to 25% of its licensed nighttime power.¹

In support of the request, CLI states that as a result of damages sustained from Hurricane Irma, the northernmost tower of the WDDV(AM) directional array has fallen. Therefore, the station is requesting STA to operate the station reduced to 25% of the nominal 1,000 watt night power, using the licensed daytime array which has remained undamaged and is operating normally.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WDDV(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from licensed values/and or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Specifically, the station may operate during nighttime hours with the licensed daytime pattern and with power reduced to 0.25 kilowatt. No changes are proposed to the daytime operation. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CLI must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² CLI 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 WDDV(AM) is licensed for operation on 1320 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

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

This authority expires on March 31, 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, Jern Manarchuck Arome J. Manarchuck

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cc: Troy G. Langham (via email only)