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Inspiration Time, Inc.  
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Re: Inspiration Time, Inc.  
WZTE(AM), North East, PA  
Facility Identification Number: 26610  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed August 29, 2018, on behalf of Inspiration Time, Inc. ("ITI"). ITI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WZTE(AM) from an alternate site location.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, WZTE(AM) proposes to operate from its authorized construction permit (CP) site with a temporary long wire antenna.

In support of the request, ITI states that when it acquired WZTE(AM) from Mercyhurst University on September 1, 2017 it did not acquire the rights to the licensed WZTE(AM) transmitter site and consequently took the station silent on the date of acquisition. The station has been silent since that time and therefore must commence broadcast operations before 12:01 a.m., September 2, 2018 or its license will automatically expire as a matter of law. Thus, the station is requesting STA to operate from its authorized CP site location with a 153 foot long wire antenna. A daytime power of 1 kilowatt and a critical hours power of 0.25 kilowatt is requested.

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

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED. Station WZTE(AM) may operate with the

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<sup>1</sup> WZTE(AM) is licensed for operation on 1530 kHz with a daytime power of 1 kilowatt and a critical hours power of 0.25 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna (NDD-D).

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

following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	41° 56' 27" N, 79° 50' 42" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1530 KHz
Hours of operation	Daytime and Critical hours
Operating power	1 kilowatt (daytime), 0.25 kilowatt (critical hours)
Antenna type	153 foot long wire antenna supported on one end by a 10 foot, 4x4 post and the other end attached to the transmitter building

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WZTE(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WZTE(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 **February 27, 2019**.

**Notwithstanding the grant of this STA or the expiration date specified herein, the station's license will expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., September 2, 2018.** *See* Pub. Law No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, Section 403(1)(1996) and *Order, Silent Station Authorizations*, FCC 96-218 (released May 17, 1996). *See also Public Notice, Expedited Processing of Applications Filed by Silent Stations*, DA 96-818 (May 22, 1996). The licensee must notify the Audio Division immediately upon resumption of broadcasting. ITI states that it has every incentive to rapidly construct WZTE(AM) pursuant to its issued construction permit, therefore we expect the station to take every possible step to expeditiously complete the build out of the CP facility and file a license application within the 6 month STA period.


**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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