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Shilo Communications, Inc. 3038 Lansing Edmond Road Edmond, WV 25837

> Re: Shilo Communications, Inc. WRRL(AM), Rainelle, WV Facility Identification Number: 54411 Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed December 10, 2018, on behalf of Shilo Communications, Inc. ("SCI"). SCI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WRRL(AM) with a different antenna system from an alternate site location.¹ In support of the request, SCI states that the station has lost the use of its licensed antenna site and must vacate the current site immediately. Therefore, WRRL(AM) is requesting STA to operate from a site located 1.9 kilometers from its licensed site.

Specifically, WRRL(AM) requests STA to operate with an ISO-400HP antenna. The station is a daytime only station and proposes to operate from the new location with its daytime power reduced from 1 kilowatt to 0.1 kilowatt.

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.

Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with the foregoing criteria.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED. Station WRRL(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

¹ WRRL(AM) is licensed for operation on 1130 kHz with a daytime power of 1 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna (NDD-D).

 $^{^{2}}$ For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

Geographic coordinates $37^{\circ} 58' 09'' \,\mathrm{N}, 80^{\circ} 46' 44'' \,\mathrm{W} (\mathrm{NAD} 1927)$ Frequency1130 KHzHours of operationDaytime onlyOperating powerNot to exceed 0.1 kW (daytime)Antenna typeISO-400HP antennaAntenna radiator height10 electrical degreesAntenna efficiency30 mV/m/kW at 1 km

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WRRL(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WRRL(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 June 15, 2019.

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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