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New Beginnings Movement, Incorporated
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Re: New Beginnings Movement, Incorporated
WRFM(AM), Muncie, IN
Facility Identification Number: 1724
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed January 10, 2019, on behalf of New Beginnings Movement, Incorporated ("NBM"). NBM requests special temporary authority (STA) to operate station WRFM(AM) from an alternate site, with reduced power and employing a temporary, nondirectional antenna.¹ The station has previously been granted STAs from this location.

In support of the request, NBM states that the station lost its historical site and eventually relocated. The site to which WRFM(AM) relocated was a church location and when the church lost the ability to use the location, the station had to go silent. However, the station is now requesting STA to resume broadcast operations at the STA site most recently authorized in BESTA-20170522AAJ but with a power of 620 watts.

Our review indicates that station WRFM(AM) has been prevented from restoring licensed operation due to causes beyond its control, and that the station should be permitted to operate with STA facilities that were previously granted from the proposed location.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, however the daytime power must not exceed 62 watts and the nighttime power must not exceed 1 watt. Station WRFM(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Transmitter site	3908 W. 30th Street, Muncie, IN
Coordinates:	40° 09' 39" N, 85° 25' 54" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency:	990 kHz
Operating hours:	Unlimited
Operating power:	Not to exceed 0.062 kW (Day), 0.001 kW (Night)
Antenna:	Existing ND folded unipole tower

¹ WRFM is licensed for operation on 990 kHz with 0.250 kilowatt daytime and 0.001 kilowatt nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns during daytime and nighttime hours. (DA-2-U).

Tower height: 33.5 m (39.8 degrees)
Efficiency: 241.6 mV/m/kW/km

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. NBM 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 **July 31, 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,



Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Martin Hensley (via email only)