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Townsquare Media Duluth License, LLC
240 Greenwich Ave.
Greenwich, CT 06830

Re: Townsquare Media Duluth License, LLC
WEBC(AM), Duluth, Minnesota
Facility Identification Number: 49689
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant

This is in reference to the request filed February 15, 2019, on behalf of Townsquare Media Duluth License, LLC ("TMD"). TMD requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WEBC(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹

In support of the request, TMD states that due to extreme weather conditions and the buildup of snow and ice, WEBC(AM) cannot make necessary repairs to its tuning units. Therefore, the station is currently operating at 80% of its licensed power during daytime hours and requests STA to continue to operate with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power until the necessary repairs are made.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WEBC(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. TMD 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 WEBC(AM) is licensed for operation on 560 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

This authority expires on **August 24, 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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Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Howard Liberman, Esq. (via email only)