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Alexander Broadcasting, Inc.
144 Ramapo Road
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Re: Alexander Broadcasting, Inc.
WRCR(AM), Ramapo, NY
Facility Identification Number: 64556
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed March 1, 2019, on behalf of Alexander Broadcasting, Inc. ("ABI"). ABI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WRCR(AM) from an alternate site location.¹ In support of the request, ABI states WRCR(AM) lost its lease for the licensed site in 2017 and has been silent, except for operating under STA at a temporary location available for a brief period. Therefore, the station requests STA from an alternate site location so that the station can resume broadcast operations.

Specifically, WRCR(AM) proposes to operate from an existing tower site located 6.5 miles (10.4 kilometers) from the licensed WRCR(AM) transmitter site. Daytime operation with a power of 2.5 kilowatts and nighttime operation with a power of 0.25 kilowatt is requested using a 175 foot long-wire antenna.

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.

¹ WRCR(AM) is licensed for operation on 1700 kHz with a daytime power of 10 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND2-U).

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

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

Geographic coordinates	41° 11' 22" N, 74° 00' 55" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1700 kHz
Hours of operation	Daytime and Nighttime
Operating power	2.5 kilowatts (daytime), 0.25 kilowatt (nighttime)
Antenna type	175 foot long-wire antenna
Electrical height of radiator	108.9°

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WRCR(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WRCR(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 **September 10, 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerome" and last name "Manarchuck" clearly legible.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
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cc: Cary S. Tepper, Esq. (via email)