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Fieldview Broadcasting, LLC  
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Re: Fieldview Broadcasting, LLC  
KWBG(AM), Boone, IA  
Facility Identification Number: 22978  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed April 4, 2019, on behalf of Fieldview Broadcasting, LLC ("FBL"). FBL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KWBG(AM) during nighttime hours with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power.<sup>1</sup> In support of its request, FBL states that KWBG(AM) is unable to confirm directional operation at this time due to failure of the AM-19 (204) directional antenna monitor and also a variable coil in the phasing equipment.

Specifically, FBL states that KWBG(AM) was discovered to be operating at small variance from licensed parameters, and adjustments were in process, when its antenna monitor failed to switch between towers and would not work again. The reason the work was being done was an apparent intermittent failure of one of the variable coils for tower 1 in the phasor. Consequently, the KWBG(AM) antenna monitor has been shipped to the manufacturer for repair and the coil is going to be replaced.

In the meantime, KWBG(AM) requests a non-directional nighttime operation from tower number 1 of its array with nighttime power reduced to 0.125 kW. No changes are proposed to the daytime non-directional operation.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KWBG(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from licensed values. Specifically, KWBG(AM) may operate nondirectionally at night with a power not to exceed 0.125 kW. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KWBG(AM) must use whatever

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<sup>1</sup> KWBG(AM) is licensed for operation on 1590 kHz with a daytime power of 1 kilowatt and a nighttime power of 0.5 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

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 **October 2, 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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Media Bureau

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