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Crocodile Broadcasting Corp., Inc.
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Re: Crocodile Broadcasting Corp., Inc.
WFNO(AM), Norco, LA
Facility Identification Number: 56559
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed April 26, 2019, on behalf of Crocodile Broadcasting Corp., Inc. ("CBC"). CBC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WFNO(AM) with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities.¹ Specifically, CBC requests that station WFNO(AM) be permitted to operate during nighttime hours using the daytime antenna system and with reduced nighttime power.

In support of the request, CBC states that the station has experienced issues with the nighttime power and has attempted to resolve the issues. However, the tower is located near a spillway that has been activated. As a result, the licensee is unable to access the tower at this time. Thus, CBC requests STA to operate the station at a reduced nighttime power of 250 watts using the daytime antenna system.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, however the **nighttime power must not exceed 10 watts** in order to protect Class A station WCCO(AM) on 830 kHz, Minneapolis, Minnesota. No changes are proposed to the daytime operation. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WFNO(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² WFNO(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.

¹ WFNO(AM) is licensed for operation on 830 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.75 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).

This authority expires on **October 28, 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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cc: Francisco R. Montero, Esq. (via email only)