

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
445 TWELFTH STREET SW
WASHINGTON DC 20554

MEDIA BUREAU
AUDIO DIVISION
APPLICATION STATUS: (202) 418-2730
HOME PAGE: www.fcc.gov/media/radio/audio-division

ENGINEER: Jerome J. Manarchuck
TELEPHONE: (202) 418-7226
FACSIMILE: (202) 418-1410
E-MAIL: jerome.manarchuck@fcc.gov

May 23, 2019

Gois Broadcasting Boston LLC
122 Green St., Suite 2L
Worcester, MA 01604

Re: Gois Broadcasting Boston LLC
WLLH(AM), Lowell, Massachusetts
Facility Identification Number: 24971
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed May 22, 2019, on behalf of Gois Broadcasting Boston LLC ("GBB"). GBB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate WLLH(AM) from the station's authorized synchronous site.¹ In support of the request, GBB states that WLLH(AM) lost the lease for its main Lowell site and is requesting an STA to operate from its Lawrence site.

Specifically, WLLH(AM) requests an STA to operate from its synchronous site with its currently authorized facilities. GBB states that an application for construction permit to delete the synchronous operation and designate the Lawrence site as the main site is being concurrently prepared and will be filed soon. GBB further states that grant of the STA is in the public interest as it will enable WLLH(AM) to continue to provide uninterrupted service to Lawrence and the surrounding area.

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 WLLH(AM) is licensed for operation on 1400 kHz with an unlimited hours power of 1 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND1-U). The station also has a synchronous operation which is licensed (BREX-201) to Lawrence, Massachusetts. The synchronous operation is authorized with a power of 1 kilowatt, employing a nondirectional pattern as well (ND1-U).

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

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

Geographic coordinates	42° 42' 27" N, 71° 09' 51" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1400 KHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	1 kilowatt
Antenna type	Existing tower
Top-loaded apparent height (degrees)	76.9
Theoretical RMS	241.4 mV/m

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WLLH(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WLLH(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 **November 19, 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 black ink that reads "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Allan G. Moskowitz, Esq. (via email)