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Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc.  
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Re: Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc.  
WODT(AM), New Orleans, LA  
Facility Identification Number: 11947  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed June 24, 2019, on behalf of Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc. ("CCB"). CCB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WODT(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, CCB states that the WODT(AM) directional array has suffered a failure and seeks STA to operate at variance from day and night licensed values. In addition, the station is requesting the option to operate with a non-directional emergency antenna day and night at 25% of authorized power while necessary repairs are made.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WODT(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits. In addition, the station also has the option to operate non-directionally from one of the existing elements in the array with power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CCB must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> CCB 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.

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<sup>1</sup> WODT(AM) is licensed for operation on 1280 kHz with an unlimited hours power of 5 kilowatts, employing a directional antenna pattern (DA1-U).

<sup>2</sup> *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)

This authority expires on **December 22, 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: Troy G. Langham (via email only)