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Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc. 7136 S. Yale Avenue Suite 501 Tulsa, OK 74136

> Re: Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc. WYLD(AM), New Orleans, LA Facility Identification Number: 60707 Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed July 23, 2019, on behalf of Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc. ("CCB"). CCB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WYLD(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, CCB states that the WYLD(AM) daytime directional array has suffered a failure and seeks STA to operate at variance from daytime licensed values. In addition, the station is requesting the option to operate with a non-directional emergency antenna during daytime hours with 25% of authorized power while necessary repairs are made. Non-directional operation would implemented utilizing one of the existing towers in the array.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WYLD(AM) may operate daytime with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power. In addition, the station also has the option to operate non-directionally during daytime hours from one of the existing elements in the array with power not to exceed 2.5 kilowatts. No changes are proposed to the nighttime operation. 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WYLD(AM) is licensed for operation on 940 kHz with a daytime power of 10 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.5 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

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

This authority expires on January 22, 2020.

**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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