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September 30, 2019

Wennes Communications Stations, Inc.  
501 W. Water St.  
Decorah, IA 15734

Re: Wennes Communications Stations, Inc.  
KMRV(AM), Waukon, IA  
Facility Identification Number: 15733  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed September 23, 2019, on behalf of Wennes Communications Stations, Inc. ("WCS"). WCS requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KMRV(AM) as a daytime-only station from an alternate site location.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, WCS states that the lease for the present site location will be terminated on October 1, 2019 and therefore the station requests STA to operate from the licensed site of FM station KNEI-FM. The station proposes a daytime-only operation from the alternate site using a 403-foot horizontal long-wire antenna. The wire will be supported on either end by poles and in the middle by the KNEI-FM tower. The FCC Antenna Structure Registration Number (ASRN) for the tower is 1222643. The long-wire will be attached to each pole at 20 feet above ground level and then attached in the middle at the 70-foot level on the KNEI-FM tower. A reduced daytime power of 250 watts is proposed.

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 area<sup>2</sup> without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

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<sup>1</sup> KMRV(AM) is licensed for operation on 1160 kHz with a daytime power of 0.88 kilowatt and a nighttime power of 0.026 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND2-U).

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

Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with the foregoing criteria.

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

Geographic coordinates	43° 18' 28" N, 91° 27' 18" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1160 KHz
Hours of operation	Daytime only
Operating power	0.250 kW
Antenna type	430 foot long-wire antenna

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KMRV(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KMRV(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 **March 29, 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerome" and last name "Manarchuck" clearly legible.

Jerome J. Manarchuck  
Audio Division  
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cc: Gene Wisniewski (via email only)