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Radio License Holding CBC, LLC  
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Re: Radio License Holding CBC, LLC  
WJOX(AM), Birmingham, AL  
Facility Identification Number: 16897  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed January 14, 2020, on behalf of Radio License Holding CBC, LLC ("RLH"). RLH requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WJOX(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power.<sup>1</sup> In support of its request, RLH states that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) dug into the transmission lines and damaged the WJOX(AM) sampling system. Therefore, new transmission and sampling lines will be installed, the WJOX(AM) ground system will be repaired, and a complete partial proof of performance will be completed. However, in the meantime, the station requests an STA to operate with parameters at variance in accordance with Sections 73.1635 and 73.68 of the FCC's rules.

Specifically, WJOX(AM) requests STA to operate temporarily without a sampling system. A local engineer will continue to check and verify that the station's monitoring point values are within the license limits, until the necessary installations and repairs are made.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WJOX(AM) may operate temporarily without a sampling system, however it will be necessary to keep monitoring point values within licensed limits. It will also be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WJOX(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 **July 14, 2020**.

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<sup>1</sup> WJOX(AM) is licensed for operation on 690 kHz with a daytime power of 50 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.5 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

**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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