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Relevant Radio, Inc.  
1496 Bellevue, Suite 202  
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Re: Relevant Radio, Inc.  
WEGP(AM), Presque Isle, Maine  
Facility Identification Number: 9423  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed February 12, 2020, on behalf of Relevant Radio, Inc. ("RRI"). RRI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate WEGP(AM) during daytime hours with reduced power and during nighttime hours with a non-directional antenna system and nighttime power reduced to 25% of licensed power. <sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, RRI states that WEGP(AM) suffered a fire at the transmitter site which disabled the directional antenna system. In order to continue service during repairs the station requests an STA so that the station be allowed to temporarily operate daytime and nighttime at 2.5 kilowatts using the authorized daytime non-directional antenna.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WHTK(AM) may operate during daytime hours with reduced power in accordance with Section 73.1560 of the FCC rules, and a night the station may operate non-directionally with a power not to exceed 2.5 kilowatts in accordance with Section 73.1680 of the FCC rules. It will be necessary to further reduce or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. RRI 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 **August 12, 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

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<sup>1</sup> WEGP(AM) is licensed for operation on 1390 kHz with a daytime power of 25 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 10 kilowatts employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

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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