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Caribbean Media Group, Inc.  
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Re: Caribbean Media Group, Inc.  
WPOM(AM), Riviera Beach, FL  
Facility Identification Number: 73892  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed June 29, 2020, on behalf of Caribbean Media Group, Inc. ("CMG"). CMG requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WPOM(AM) with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, CMG states that the station has reduced power to 25% of licensed power in order to rebuild and replace components in preparation of measurements and adjustments to accomplish a method of moment proof application. Specifically, CMG requests that station WPOM(AM) be permitted to operate with a reduced daytime power of 1.25 kilowatts and a reduced nighttime power of 1.18 kilowatts.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. WPOM(AM) may operate with a reduced daytime power of 1.25 kilowatts and a reduced nighttime power of 1.18 kilowatts or with parameters at variance while maintaining monitor points within license limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WPOM(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> WPOM(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.

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<sup>1</sup> WPOM(AM) is licensed for operation on 1600 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 4.7 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

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

This authority expires on **December 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,



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cc: Allan G. Moskowitz, Esq. (via email only)