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IHM Licenses, LLC
7136 S. Yale Avenue
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Tulsa, OK 74136

Re: IHM Licenses, LLC
WCHI(AM), Chillicothe, Ohio
Facility Identification Number: 74225
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed July 7, 2020, on behalf of IHM Licenses, LLC ("IHM"). IHM requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WCHI(AM) during daytime hours only with a temporary long-wire antenna.¹ In support of the request, IHM states that due to a failed tower base insulator the station is requesting STA to operate with a temporary long-wire radiator while new foundations and base are being constructed.

Specifically, WCHI(AM) proposes to operate with a 175 foot (53.3 meters) long-wire antenna. The long-wire will run vertically up a 55 foot pole and then 120 feet horizontally to a 22 foot pole. The wire will be grounded to the antenna system ground screen by attaching to the station ground strap. A reduced daytime power of 0.25 kilowatt is requested.

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

Geographic coordinates	39° 19' 16" N, 82° 57' 09" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1350 kHz
Hours of operation	Daytime
Operating power	0.25 kilowatt
Antenna type	175 foot (53.3 meter) long-wire antenna

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WCHI(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WCHI(AM) must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio

¹ WCHI(AM) is licensed for operation on 1350 kHz with a daytime power of 1 kilowatt and a nighttime power of 0.028 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND1-U).

frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **January 5, 2021**.

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, appearing to read "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerome" and last name "Manarchuck" clearly distinguishable.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Troy G. Langham (via email only)