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Bott Broadcasting Company Tennessee
555 Perkins Rd. Ext., Suite 201
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Re: Bott Broadcasting Company Tennessee
WCRV(AM), Collierville, TN
Facility Identification Number: 6486
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed December 14, 2020, on behalf of Bott Broadcasting Company Tennessee ("BBC"). BBC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WCRV(AM) with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹ Specifically, BBC requests that station WCRV(AM) be permitted to operate with the nighttime pattern and nighttime input power during all hours of the day, pending repairs to the daytime system.

In support of the request, BBC states that on December 12, 2020 a failure in the output network of daytime transmitter occurred at WCRV(AM). This failure resulted in the destruction of matching capacitors and other components. However, the nighttime operation of WCRV(AM) is via a separate transmitter and RF path, thus, that authorized operation is unaffected. Therefore, until the necessary repairs are completed, or the transmitter is replaced, an STA is requested to operate during all hours with the licensed nighttime antenna system and power.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. WCRV(AM) may operate using its nighttime directional antenna system during daytime and nighttime hours. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WCRV(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² WCRV(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.

¹ WCRV(AM) is licensed for operation on 640 kHz with a daytime power of 50 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.48 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).

This authority expires on **June 13, 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,



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cc: Kathleen Victory, Esq. (via email only)