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New Beginnings Movement, Inc.
900 W Powers St.
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Re: New Beginnings Movement, Inc.
WJCF(AM), Muncie, IN
Facility Identification Number: 1724
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed December 11, 2020, on behalf of New Beginnings Movement, Inc. ("NBM"). NBM requests special temporary authority ("STA") to relocate station WJCF(AM) to an alternate site location and operate with a temporary long-wire antenna with a reduced daytime power.¹

In support of the request, NBM states that the station lost its historical site and eventually relocated. However, local zoning will not allow the relocation of the station's six towers and will not rezone the necessary acreage for the array. In addition, the former landowner of the historical site went bankrupt and thus the facilities were dismantled. The station has been silent since February 1, 2020 and therefore the station must resume broadcast operations before 12:01 a.m., February 2, 2021 or its license will expire as a matter of law. Thus, the station is requesting STA from an alternate site.

Specifically, WJCF(AM) requests STA to operate from a site located 8.6 kilometers (5.3 miles) from the licensed site. The station proposes to employ a 254-foot long-wire antenna. The long-wire will slope from the roof of a utility building in a fenced yard to the rooftop of the home on the property and then to two poles at this same height. The station proposes to operate with a reduced daytime power of 65 watts and a nighttime power of 1 watt until it can locate a new permanent site location.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area² without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

¹ WJCF(AM) is licensed for operation on 990 kHz with a daytime power of 0.25 kilowatt and a nighttime power of 0.001 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

² For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with the foregoing criteria.

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

Geographic coordinates	40° 11' 20" N, 85° 23' 44" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	990 KHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	0.065 kW (Daytime), 0.001 kW (Nighttime)
Antenna type	254 foot long-wire antenna

This Special Temporary Authority does not supersede any non-FCC-regulated requirements applicable to the STA-authorized facility. The licensee remains solely and wholly responsible for maintaining compliance with such requirements.

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WJCF(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WJCF(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 7, 2021**.

Notwithstanding the grant of this STA or the expiration date specified herein, the station's license will expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., February 2, 2021. *See* Pub. Law No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, Section 403(1)(1996) and *Order, Silent Station Authorizations*, FCC 96-218 (released May 17, 1996). *See also* *Public Notice*, Expedited Processing of Applications Filed by Silent Stations, DA 96-818 (May 22, 1996). The licensee must notify the Audio Division immediately upon resumption of broadcasting.

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, reading "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerome" and last name "Manarchuck" clearly legible.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Mr. Martin Hensley (via email only)