



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Entercom License, LLC
2400 Market St., 4th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Re: Entercom License, LLC
WVEI(AM), Worcester, MA
Fac. ID No.: 74466
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed March 4, 2021, on behalf of Entercom License, LLC ("ELL"). ELL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WVEI(AM) during nighttime hours with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities and/or reduced power.¹

In support of the request, ELL states that a cellular carrier began installation of its cellular panels on tower #1 of the WVEI(AM) array. Due to weather and delivery issues, installation by the carrier is going to take longer than expected and as a result, parameters have drifted out of tolerance. Thus, WVEI(AM) requests an STA to operate with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities and/or reduced power during nighttime hours while the installation process continues.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. WVEI(AM) may operate during nighttime hours with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities and/or reduced power. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WVEI(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² WVEI(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 **September 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

¹ WVEI(AM) is licensed for operation on 1440 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

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

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 black ink that reads "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Laura M. Berman, Esq. (via email only)