

Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

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EDI Media, Inc. 1773 W. San Bernardino Rd. Building C-31 West Covina, CA 91791

> Re: EDI Media, Inc. KWRM(AM), Corona, CA Fac. ID No.: 39692 Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed March 11, 2021, on behalf of EDI Media, Inc. ("EDI"). EDI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KWRM(AM) from an alternate site location with an Information Station Specialists ANXX vertically polarized whip antenna.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, EDI states that KWR(AM) lost its tower site and the station has been silent for almost a year. The station went off the air on April 14, 2020 and must resume broadcast operations by 12:01 a.m., April 15, 2021 or its license will expire as a matter of law. Therefore, in order to resume broadcast operations, the station proposes to operate from an alternate site location with an emergency antenna.

Specifically, KWRM(AM) proposes to operate from a site located 4.9 miles from its currently licensed site. Operation is proposed with a reduced daytime and nighttime power of 10 watts. KWRM(AM) proposes to use an Information Station Specialists ANXX vertically polarized whip antenna. The proposed antenna is 17 feet in length and will be mounted on a twenty-foot mast. EDI states that the proposed site will be manned by station personnel at all times the STA transmitter is on the air. Traffic cones will be located at a distance greater than 3 meters from the tower, and station personnel will ensure that no person passes the cone barrier.

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 area<sup>2</sup> without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED. Station KWRM(AM) may operate with the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> KWRM(AM) is licensed for operation on 1370 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 2.5 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	33° 49′ 01″ N, 117° 30′ 29″ W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1370 kHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	10 watts
Antenna type	Information Station Specialists ANXX vertical whip antenna
Antenna Efficiency	87 mV/m/kW at 1 kilometer

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KWRM(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KWRM(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 14, 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., April 15, 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,

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