



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dupage Radio, LLC
PO Box 3162
Oak Brook, IL 60522

Re: Dupage Radio, LLC
WCKG(AM), Elmhurst, IL
Fac. ID No.: 32227
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed March 16, 2021, on behalf of Dupage Radio, LLC ("DRL"). DRL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WCKG(AM) with a temporary long-wire antenna from its licensed site.¹ In support of the request, DRL states that the WCKG(AM) antenna site is adjacent to a highway right-of-way owned by the Illinois toll highway authority (tollway). The tollway has exercised eminent domain, and the station is unable to use its licensed antenna system. Therefore, the station is requesting STA to operate temporarily with a long-wire antenna.

Specifically, WCKG(AM) requests an STA to operate daytime only with a 140 foot long-wire antenna at its licensed transmitter site. The wire will be supported by a 10 foot pole on one end and a 35 foot pole on the other. A reduced power of 190 watts is proposed.

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

Geographic coordinates	41° 52' 03" N, 87° 55' 07" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1530 kHz
Hours of operation	Daytime only
Operating power	0.19 kilowatt (daytime)
Antenna type	140 foot (42.7 meters) long-wire antenna
Antenna efficiency	264.96 mV/m per kW at 1 km

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WCKG(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WCKG(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 18, 2021**.

¹ WCKG(AM) is licensed for daytime-only operation on 1530 kHz with a power of 0.76 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern (DAD-D).

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: Dennis J. Kelly, Esq. (via email)