



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

April 21, 2021

Venture Broadcasting LLC
100 Main Street
Suite 201
Portland, TN 37148

Re: Venture Broadcasting LLC
WQKR(AM), Portland, TN
Facility Identification Number: 6663
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant

This is in reference to the request filed April 13, 2021, on behalf of Venture Broadcasting LLC ("VBL"). VBL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WQKR(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹

The transmitting antenna of LDTV station WDHC-LD has been mounted on the WQKR(AM) tower causing the common point impedance to change. Therefore, the station requests STA to operate with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WQKR(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. VBL 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 **October 18, 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

¹ WQKR(AM) is licensed for operation on 1270 kHz with a daytime power of 1 kilowatt and a nighttime power of 0.043 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND2-U).

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: Larry Perry, Esq. (via email only)
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