



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

June 21, 2021

Family Stations, Inc.
112 North Elm Street
Shenandoah, IA 51601

Re: Family Stations, Inc.
WFME(AM), New York, NY
Fac. ID Number: 29204
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed June 4, 2021 on behalf of Family Stations, Inc. ("FSI"). FSI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WFME(AM) from an alternate site location. In support of the request, FSI states that the licensed transmitting site for WFME(AM) has been sold, and the station currently holds Special Temporary Authority to remain silent, BLSTA-20210224AAC. In order to permit continued operation of WFME(AM), FSI proposes the use of a temporary installaton at an FM broadcast site which is also owned by FSI.

Specifically, WFME(AM) proposes STA operation from the licensed site of FM stations WNSH and WFMU. The site is located 15.5 miles (25 kilometers) from its currently licensed site. Operation is proposed with a daytime and nighttime power of 12.5 kilowatts. The STA operation is proposed with a slant wire feed extending to an intermediate level of the grounded 203 foot tapered self-supporting tower (ASRN 1045804) at the site.

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

Geographic coordinates	40° 47' 18" N, 74° 15' 19" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1560 kHz
Hours of operation	Daytime and Nighttime
Operating power	12.5 kilowatts
Antenna type	Existing WNSH and WFMU tower with a slant wire feed
ASRN	1045804
Overall height above ground	62 meters (203 feet)
Electrical height of radiator	116.1°
Antenna Efficiency	225 mV/m per kW at 1 km

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WFME(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WFME(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 **December 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 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, appearing to read "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerome" and last name "Manarchuck" clearly distinguishable.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Matthew H. McCormick, Esq. (via email only)