



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

September 22, 2021

Radio License Holding CBC, LLC
3280 Peachtree Road, NW
Suite 2200
Atlanta, GA 30305

Re: Radio License Holding CBC, LLC
WSKO(AM), Syracuse, NY
Fac. ID No.: 50515
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed September 21, 2021, on behalf of Radio License Holding CBC, LLC ("RLH"). RLH requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WSKO(AM) during nighttime hours with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power.¹

In support of its request, RLH states that the station's local engineer has determined that the sample lines and the antenna monitor need to be replaced. In addition, there are also issues with the ground system. As a result, the station requests operation in non-directional mode at 25% power during nighttime hours. Specifically, WSKO(AM) requests operation from the station's daytime tower. Non-directional operation is proposed with the nighttime power reduced to 1.25 kilowatts. No changes are proposed to the daytime operation.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WSKO(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from licensed values. Specifically, WSKO(AM) may operate nondirectionally at night with a power not to exceed 1.25 kW. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WSKO(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.

In addition, in accordance with Section 73.69(d) of the Commission's rules, immediately before the replacement of the antenna monitor, after a verification that all monitoring point values and the common point current reading are within the limits or tolerances specified in the rules, the following indications must be recorded for each radiation pattern: Final plate current and plate voltage, common point current, antenna monitor phase and current indications, and the field strength at each monitoring point. With the new monitor substituted for the old, all indications specified in paragraph (d)(2) of this section, again must be read. If no change has occurred in the indication for any parameter other than the indications of the antenna monitor, the new antenna

¹ WSKO(AM) is licensed for operation on 1260 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

monitor indications must be deemed to be those reflecting correct array adjustments. If it cannot be established by the observations required in paragraph (d)(2) of this section that the common point current reading and the monitoring point values are within the tolerances or limits prescribed by the rules and the instrument of authorization, or if the substitution of the new antenna monitor for the old results in changes in these parameters, a partial proof of performance shall be executed and analyzed in accordance with § 73.154. An informal letter request for modification of license shall be submitted to the FCC, Attention: Audio Division, Media Bureau in Washington, DC within 30 days of the date of monitor replacement. Such request shall specify the make, type, and serial number of the replacement monitor, phase and sample current indications, and other data obtained pursuant to this paragraph (d).

This authority expires on **March 21, 2022**.

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: Mark N. Lipp, Esq. (via email only)