



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Centennial Licensing II, LLC  
6201 Towncenter Drive  
Suite 210  
Clemmons, NC 27012

Re: Centennial Licensing II, LLC  
WZFC(AM), Winchester, VA  
Fac. ID No.: 41809  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed August 4, 2021, on behalf of Centennial Licensing II, LLC ("CLII"). CLII requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WZFC(AM) from an alternate site location.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, CLII states that due to the impending demolition of the licensed WZFC(AM) studio transmitter building and tower, the station is requesting STA to relocate to the WXVA(AM) transmitter site to maintain service to Winchester, Virginia.

Specifically, WZFC(AM) requests STA to collocate with WXVA(AM) and operate non-directionally with a daytime and nighttime power of 0.8 kilowatt. The WXVA(AM) site is located 8.8 kilometers from the WZFC(AM) licensed site. Operation is proposed from the existing 79.7 meter (261 foot) tower. The antenna structure registration number (ASRN) for the existing tower is 1025561.

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, however the power must not exceed 140 watts in order to not extend coverage the licensed WZFC(AM) coverage. Station WZFC(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	39° 07' 26" N, 78° 12' 44" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1400 KHz

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<sup>1</sup> WZFC(AM) is licensed for operation on 1400 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND1-U).

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

Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	0.14 kilowatt (daytime and nighttime)
Antenna type	Existing tower
ASRN	1025561
Electrical height of radiator	131.5 degrees
Antenna efficiency	333.8 mV/m/kW at 1 kilometer

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WZFC(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WZFC(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 **March 22, 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 black ink that reads "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Jerome J. Manarchuck  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Edward A. Schober, PE (via email only)