

Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

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IHM Licenses, LLC 7136 S. Yale Avenue Suite 501 Tulsa, OK 74136

> Re: IHM Licenses, LLC WWRL(AM), New York, NY

Fac. ID No.: 68906

Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed October 21, 2021, on behalf of IHM Licenses, LLC ("IHM"). IHM requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WWRL(AM) with parameters at variance from license values. In support of the request, IHM states that in preparation of filing for a new license using Method of Moments, the station seeks authority to operate with parameters at variance while keeping monitor points within limits and/or non-directional both day and night at 25% of authorized power.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WWRL(AM) may operate with parameters at variance while keeping monitor points within limits and/or non-directionally during daytime hours with a power not to exceed 6.25 kilowatts and during nighttime hours with a power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. IHM must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² IHM 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 April 20, 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

¹ WWRL(AM) is licensed for operation on 1600 kHz with a daytime power of 25 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

² See 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)

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,

Jerome J. Manarchuck

Audio Division Media Bureau

cc: Troy G. Langham (via email only)