



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Cumulus Licensing LLC
780 Johnson Ferry Road
Suite 500
Atlanta, GA 30342

Re: Cumulus Licensing LLC
WAYS(AM), Conway, SC
Fac. ID No.: 17484
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed October 18, 2022, on behalf of Cumulus Licensing LLC ("CLL"). CLL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WAYS(AM) with temporary long-wire facilities from its licensed transmitter site.¹ In support of the request, CLL states that the station experienced catastrophic transmitter failure. As a result, CLL respectfully requests a Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") to permit use of a 10 watt transmitter and an emergency long-wire antenna to keep WAYS(AM) on the air.

Specifically, WAYS(AM) requests STA to operate with 234.2 feet of 1/8" steel wire cable strung between the transmitter building exterior and Tower #2. Operation is proposed with a reduced power of 10 watts.

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

Geographic coordinates	33° 50' 56" N, 79° 05' 03" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1050 kHz
Hours of operation	Daytime and Nighttime
Operating power	10 watts (Daytime and Nighttime)
Antenna type	234.2 foot long-wire antenna

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WAYS(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WAYS(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 **May 2, 2023**.

¹ WAYS(AM) is licensed for operation on 1050 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.473 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

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)