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Radio Training Network, Inc.
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Re: W229BM (FX), Riverview, FL
Radio Training Network, Inc.
Facility Identification Number: 146760
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BSTA-20191007AAN

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to the request filed October 7, 2019, requesting Special Temporary Authority (STA) to operate W229BM at reduced power, to make it usable as a "fill-in" translator station with a new primary station.

We have reviewed the proposal, but conclude that it would not qualify for STA. 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 a construction permit application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance a facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Here, the licensee recognizes that a construction permit application is required for permanent changes (and promises to file it). The STA reduced power operation is sought as an interim step because the licensee would like to start relaying a new primary station immediately. Given that the FCC traditionally has not considered programming formats in making licensing decisions, we cannot conclude that the proposed voluntary reduction in service benefits the public. The STA request only serves to make matters more convenient for the broadcaster.

Accordingly, the STA request BSTA-20191007AAN IS DISMISSED.

Sincerely,



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