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Re: Salem Media Group, LLC
WYLL(AM), Chicago, IL
Facility Identification Number: 28630
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the STA request filed on behalf of Salem Media Group, LLC ("Salem"). Salem requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WYLL(AM) with parameters at variance from its licensed facility (BL-19930420AC).¹ Specifically, Salem states that it is preparing to perform computer modeling and sample system verification measurements in order to re-license the WYLL(AM) nighttime site under the Method of Moments proofing procedures described in 47 CFR 73.151(c). Therefore, an STA is requested to operate the WYLL(AM) nighttime directional antenna system with the new moment model derived operating parameters pending preparation and subsequent Commission processing of an Application for License.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WYLL(AM) may operate during nighttime hours with licensed power but with the substantially adjusted Method of Moment parameters. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Salem 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 4, 2015**.

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

¹ WYLL(AM) is licensed for operation on 1160 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 50 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).


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,


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cc: Salem Media Group, LLC