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Re: Sound of Life, Inc.
WGWR(FM), Liberty, New York
Facility Identification Number: 79020
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed December 3, 2008, on behalf of Sound of Life, Inc. ("SLI"). SLI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WGWR with temporary facilities.¹ In support of the request, SLI states that it has lost its licensed site, and that the notice given by the landlord did not allow time for the preparation of an application for construction permit to relocate the station. SLI states that it has located a temporary site on an existing tower; technical details are provided for the proposed STA operation.

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 service² to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area³ without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA. Our review indicates that the proposed operation would result in substantial extension of the 60 dBu contour to the west; however, if the effective radiated power is reduced to 0.016 kilowatt (16 watts), the extension would be eliminated with the exception of a small area to the northwest caused by a terrain anomaly. STA will be granted with a power reduction to 16 watts.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, with a power reduction as discussed above. Station WGWR may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	41° 48' 16" N, 74° 47' 7" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	201 (88.1 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.016 kilowatt (H&V)

¹ WGWR is licensed for operation on Channel 201A (88.1 MHz) with effective radiated power of 0.06 kilowatt (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 171 meters.

² For AM - 5 mV/m; for commercial FM - 3.16 mV/m; for noncommercial educational FM - 1.0 mV/m.

³ For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

Antenna height:
above ground: 79 meters
above mean sea level: 737 meters
Above average terrain: 246 meters

SLI must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. SLI 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 **June 4, 2009**.

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,



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cc: Sound of Life, Inc.