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Praise and Glory Ministries  
1666 Mount Moriah Road  
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**Re:** Praise and Glory Ministries  
WITM(AM), Marion, VA  
Facility Identification Number: 19478  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed February 6, 2017, on behalf of Praise and Glory Ministries ("P&G"). P&G requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WITM(AM) from an alternate site location with a long wire antenna.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, P&G states the STA is being filed due to the loss of the licensed transmitter site. Thus, WITM(AM) requests STA to operate with emergency antenna facilities from an alternate site location.

Specifically, WITM(AM) proposes to operate from a site located 5.1 kilometers north of the licensed site. The station proposes to operate with a power of 30 watts using a long-wire antenna which is 90 electrical degrees in length. The wire will be suspended 15 feet above ground with two poles.

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 service to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area<sup>2</sup> without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED, but for daytime operation only as the proposed nighttime operation does not meet critical element 3 mentioned above. Station WITM(AM) may

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<sup>1</sup> WITM(AM) is licensed for operation on 1330 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.031 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND2-U).

<sup>2</sup> For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	36° 51' 23" N, 81° 30' 19" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1330 KHz
Hours of operation	Daytime only
Operating power	0.03 kilowatt
Antenna type	Long wire antenna (185 ft or 90 electrical degrees in length)

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WITM(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WITM(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 **August 16, 2017**.

**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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