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Caron Broadcasting, Inc.
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Re: Caron Broadcasting, Inc.
WRCW(AM), Warrenton, VA
Facility Identification Number: 53368
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed February 14, 2018, on behalf of Caron Broadcasting, Inc. ("CBI"). CBI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WRCW(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹ CBI states that pursuant to 73.69(d)(1) of the Commission's rules, an STA is requested to commence replacement of the authorized antenna monitor.

Specifically, WRCW(AM) will replace its existing Potomac Instruments, Model AM-19, analog antenna monitor with a new Potomac Instruments, Model 1901-2, digital antenna monitor, pursuant to Section 73.69(1) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. CBI states that once the antenna monitor has been replaced, an informal letter request for modification of license containing all of the pertinent data outlined in Section 73.69(d), will be filed.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WRCW(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Once the new monitor has been substituted for the old one, in accordance with section 73.69(d)(3) of the Commission's rules, all indications specified in paragraph (d)(2) of the section again must be read. If no change has occurred in the indication for any parameter other than the indications of the antenna monitor, the new antenna monitor indications must be deemed to be those reflecting correct array adjustments. If it cannot be established by the observations required in paragraph (d)(2) of this section that the common point current reading and the monitoring point values are within the tolerances or limits prescribed by the rules and the instrument of authorization, or if the substitution of the new antenna monitor for the old results in changes in these parameters, a partial proof of performance shall be executed and analyzed in accordance with §73.154. In addition,

¹ WRCW(AM) is licensed for operation on 1250 kHz with a daytime power of 3 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.125 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

an informal letter request for modification of license shall be submitted to the FCC, Attention: Audio Division, Media Bureau in Washington, DC within 30 days of the date of monitor replacement. Such request shall specify the make, type, and serial number of the replacement monitor, phase and sample current indications, and other data obtained pursuant to this paragraph (d). It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CBI 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 21, 2018**.

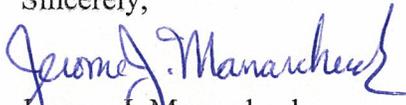
STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice 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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Media Bureau

cc: Frank R. Jazzo, Esq. (via email only)