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Troy Langham
Clear Channel
2625 South Memorial Drive, Suite A
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Re: WENE(AM), Endicott, New York
Facility Identification Number : 19625
CC Licenses, LLC
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Mr. Langham:

This is in reference to the request filed March 25, 2014, on behalf of CC Licenses, LLC (“CCL”). CCL requests special temporary authority (“STA”) to operate station WENE(AM) at variance from its licensed nighttime facilities.¹ In support of the request, CCL states that the WENE(AM) night time antenna parameters are out of tolerance due to an unknown problem in the antenna system. Therefore, WENE(AM) requests STA to operate the night antenna system with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or to operate night in non-directional mode, with 25% of licensed power.

Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with the technical provisions of Section 73.1615, which governs operation during modification of facilities. However, due to the increased potential for interference from nighttime nondirectional operation, such operation is authorized only on an “as necessary” basis with much less than 25% of licensed power.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, with modification as discussed above. Station WENE(AM) may operate during nighttime hours with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Operation during nighttime hours with a temporary nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 100 watts is authorized, only as necessary to solve the unknown problem in the antenna system. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CCL must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² CCL 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*

¹ WENE is licensed for operation on 1430 kHz with 5 kilowatts, unlimited hours, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DAN-U).

² *See 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)*

CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **October 1, 2014**.

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,



Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: CC Licenses, LLC