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Re: WCGO(AM), Evanston, Illinois  
Kovas Family GST Trust, Joseph W. Walburn, Trustee  
Facility ID:35447  
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed May 1, 2013, on behalf of Kovas Family GST Trust, Joseph W. Walburn, Trustee ("Kovas Family"). Kovas Family requests special temporary authority ("STA") pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the Commission's Rules to operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power from its licensed technical parameters.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, Kovas Family states that the WCGO(AM) nighttime directional antenna system is being rebuilt. As a consequence, for several nights it will be necessary to operate with ¼ power in the nondirectional mode. In addition, operation with parameters at variance and/or reduced power will occasionally be required.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WCGO(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Kovas Family must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> Kovas Family 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.

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<sup>1</sup> WCGO(AM) is licensed for operation on 1590 kHz with 7 kilowatts daytime and 2.5 kilowatts nighttime, employing a directional antenna pattern during nighttime hours only (DA-N).

<sup>2</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)

This authority expires on **August 8, 2013**.

**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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