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Re: WWRC(AM), Washington, DC
Facility Identification Number: 8681
Salem Media of Virginia, Inc.
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed November 20, 2013, on behalf of Salem Media of Virginia, Inc. ("Salem"). Salem requests special temporary authority ("STA") pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the Commission's Rules to operate during nighttime hours with parameters at variance and/or reduced power from its licensed technical parameters.¹

In support of the request, Salem states that one of the towers in the WWRC(AM) nighttime directional antenna system is shared by several broadcast, land mobile and cellular communications stations. Modifications made on the tower by one of the cellular tenants have led to a shift in the WWRC(AM) nighttime antenna monitor parameters. Therefore, WWRC(AM) requests special temporary authority to operate with parameters at variance and/or with reduced power as required for maintaining all monitoring points.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WWRC(AM) may operate during nighttime hours 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. Salem must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² Salem must use whatever means are

¹ WWRC(AM) is licensed for operation on 1260 kHz with 25 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

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

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 **May 21, 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,


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cc: Salem Media of Virginia, Inc.