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Mr. Percy Squire
Sandblast, L.P.
341 S. Third Street, Suite 10
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: W240CX (FB), Silver Springs, FL
Sandblast, L.P.
Facility Identification Number: 10906
Special Temporary Authority
BSTA-20160531AAH ¹

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to the request you filed on May 31, 2016 for Sandblast, L.P. ("Sandblast"). Sandblast requests Special Temporary Authority (STA) to operate temporarily with a one bay antenna "until transfer of this license to Salem Media" is complete, at which time the request suggests that the correct antenna will be installed. The STA request explains that "the incorrect antenna has been used due to the technical ineptitude of the general managing partner of the licensee."

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.

In the present instance, Special Temporary Authority is not warranted. Sandblast fails to provide any information relating to the one bay antenna apparently already in use, contrary to the parameters specified on the station license. Sandblast does not explain the circumstances that led to the use of the incorrect antenna nor provide any information as to how long it has been in use. It is apparent that that STA request is intended to merely extricate Sandblast from the consequences of nonconforming construction of its own making. That an assignment of license has been approved does not excuse Sandblast from operating within the provisions of the station license.

¹ File number prefix corrected from BLSTA- to BSTA-. Sandblast incorrectly filed this STA request as a Legal STA instead of an Engineering STA.

Consequently, the request for Special Temporary Authority IS DENIED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Bickel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Dale Bickel
Senior Engineer
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cc: Percy Squire (via e-mail only)