



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Townsquare License, LLC
1 Manhattanville Road, Suite 202
Purchase, NY 10577

Re: Townsquare License, LLC
WNBF(AM), Binghamton, NY
Fac. ID No.: 72372
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed November 29, 2021, on behalf of Townsquare License, LLC ("TLL"). TLL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WNBF(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹

In support of the request, TLL states that during the process of installing the antenna for translator W221EJ, abandoned antennas and transmission lines were removed from the tower. The total effort impacted the directional antenna system more than anticipated. The station monitor points are still within FCC limits, however WNBF(AM) is operating with parameters beyond allowable tolerances. Thus, the station requests STA to operate with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WNBF(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. TLL 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 **June 6, 2022**.

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

¹ WNBF(AM) is licensed for operation on 1290 kHz with a daytime power of 9.3 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerome" and last name "Manarchuck" clearly legible.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Howard Liberman, Esq. (via email only)