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Re: Capstar TX LLC  
WWVA(AM), Wheeling, WV  
Facility Identification Number: 44046  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Langham:

This is in reference to the request filed December 17, 2013, on behalf of Capstar TX LLC ("CTL"). CTL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WWVA(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power, using the parameters specified in its pending Method of Moments license application (BMML-20110701ACW).<sup>1</sup>

Specifically, CTL states the station elected to file a new Method of Moments computer model proof of performance for the station's nighttime directional antenna pattern. The required sampling system verification and matrix measurements have been completed, and new antenna system parameters have been calculated. However, the calculated parameters differ from the stations licensed parameters by more than 3% and 5% specified in 73.62(a), requiring operation with parameters at variance with the stations license in order to establish reference field strength values at the required reference points.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WWVA(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power, however it will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CTL 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 22, 2014**.

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<sup>1</sup> WWVA(AM) is licensed for operation on 1170 kHz with 50 kilowatts daytime and nighttime, employing a directional antenna pattern during nighttime hours (DAN-U).

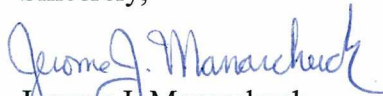
**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice 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: Capstar TX LLC