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Press Communications, LLC
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Re: WBHX (FM), Tuckerton, NJ
Press Communications, LLC
Facility Identification Number: 56233
Special Temporary Authority
BSTA-20180727AAX

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to the request filed July 27, 2018, on behalf of Press Communications, LLC (Press). WBHX's licensed site is no longer available, and the station is currently operating under Special Temporary Authority from a temporary site.¹ The current STA request seeks to relocate to a site further inland where the station's operation will be better protected from storms.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area² without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

The current STA request fails to comply with #3 of these criteria. Not only would the STA request extend the proposed 60 dBu contour well outside the licensed 60 dBu service contour toward the southwest, west, and northeast, the land coverage from the proposed STA facility would be substantially larger than that of the current licensed operation. Such changes can only be made subsequent to grant of a construction permit application on FCC Form 301. Consequently, at the requested ERP of 2.5 kW, the STA request is not grantable and is subject to dismissal.

¹ See BSTA-20171128ABZ, as extended.

² For FM Class A commercial stations, the licensed 60 dBu contour. An STA can be authorized to maintain existing, licensed 60 dBu coverage; an STA is not acceptable as a means to expand the licensed service area.

However, we have determined that operation at 0.100 kW (100 watts) with the proposed STA facilities (including directional antenna) would be acceptable. **Therefore, Special Temporary Authority IS GRANTED with the effective radiated power limited to 0.100 kW (100 watts) using the specified directional antenna and antenna pattern.**

This Special Temporary Authority expires February 5, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dale Bickel".

Dale Bickel
Senior Engineer
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cc: Michelle McClure (via e-mail only)