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Re: Genesee Media Corporation
WASB(AM), Brockport, New York
Facility Identification Number: 15767
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed October 25, 2013, on behalf of Genesee Media Corporation ("GMC"). GMC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WASB(AM) during daytime hours only while repairs are made to the nighttime antenna transmission system.¹

In support of the request, GMC states that the nighttime antenna pattern is not operating within licensed parameters, and that repairs will need to be made on the nighttime antenna system's equipment to bring the system back into correct operating parameters. Therefore, WASB(AM) is requesting STA to operate daytime only so that the station will be able to continue serving the community of license in a more limited capacity.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WASB(AM) may operate with daytime facilities only. GMC must notify the Commission when the licensed nighttime operation is restored.² GMC 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 **May 11, 2014**.

STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the

¹ WASB(AM) is licensed for operation on 1590 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns during daytime and nighttime hours (DA-2-U).

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

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: Genesee Media Corporation