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Re: WBLS-WLIB License LLC  
WLIB(AM), New York, New York  
Facility Identification Number: 28204  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed August 1, 2014, on behalf of WBLS-WLIB License LLC ("WWL"). WWL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WLIB(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, WWL states that WLIB(AM) is in the process of installing a voltage sampling system. Following completion, WLIB(AM) will perform computer modeling and sampling system verification measurements in order to relicense WLIB(AM) under the Method of Moments proofing procedures described in 47 CFR 73.151(c). Specifically, station WLIB(AM) requests STA to operate the WLIB(AM) directional antenna systems with the new moment method model derived operating parameters, pending preparation and subsequent Commission processing of an Application for license. Authority is also requested to operate WLIB(AM) non-directionally as necessary, with no more than 25% of its licensed power, and directionally at reduced power to facilitate the required measurements and adjustments.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WLIB(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Specifically, WLIB(AM) may operate with the moment method model derived operating parameters. In addition, the station may also operate non-directionally during daytime hours as necessary with no more than 25% of its licensed power or directionally at reduced power to facilitate the required measurements and adjustments. During nighttime hours the station may

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<sup>1</sup> WLIB(AM) is licensed for operation on 1190 kHz with a daytime power of 10 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 30 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

operate non-directionally as necessary, however the station is limited to a power of no more than 3.4 kilowatts in order to protect Mexican station XEWK on 1190 kHz at Guadalajara, Jalisco. In addition, during nighttime hours the station may operate directionally at reduced power to facilitate the required measurements and adjustments. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WWL 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 **February 3, 2015**.


**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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