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Entercom Atlanta License, LLC  
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Re: Entercom Atlanta License, LLC  
WQXI(AM), Atlanta, Georgia  
Facility Identification Number: 30825  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed July 27, 2015, on behalf of Entercom Atlanta License, LLC ("Entercom"). In accordance with Sections 73.68 and 73.1635 of the Commission's rules, Entercom is requesting special temporary authority ("STA") to continue to operate station WQXI(AM) while its damaged sampling system has temporarily been taken out of service for repairs.<sup>1</sup> Entercom states that based on monitor point measurements and the fact that all other parameters remain in tolerance, the nighttime antenna system is thought to be operating properly. Thus, WQXI(AM) requests STA to operate with parameters at variance while the station's sampling system has been taken out of service.

Our review indicates that the request complies with Sections 73.68 and 73.1635 of the FCC rules.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WQXI(AM) may operate during nighttime hours without its antenna sampling system until the system has been repaired. Entercom must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. Entercom must also 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.

In addition, Section 73.68(e)(2) states that immediately prior to modification or replacement of components of the sampling system, and after a verification that all monitoring point values and operating parameters are within the limits of tolerances specified in the rules, the following indications must be recorded for each radiation pattern: Final plate current and plate voltage, common point current, antenna monitor phase and current indications, and the field strength at each monitoring point. Subsequent to these modifications or changes the procedure must be repeated. If monitor point field strength or antenna monitor parameters exceed allowable limits following the replacement or modification of that portion of the sampling system above the base of the towers, a

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<sup>1</sup> WQXI(AM) is licensed for operation on 790 kHz with a daytime power of 28 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern (DAN-U).

partial proof of performance shall be accompanied by common point impedance measurements made in accordance with Section 73.54.

This authority expires on **January 27, 2016**.


**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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