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Entercom License, LLC
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Re: Entercom License, LLC
WEEI(AM), Boston, MA
Facility Identification Number: 1912
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed August 4, 2015, on behalf of Entercom License, LLC ("Entercom"). Entercom requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WEEI(AM) with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ In support of the request, Entercom states that the towers in the WEEI(AM) array need to be repainted to comply with FAA requirements, and therefore operation in non-directional mode is required for RF safety purposes and to maintain service to the public. Thus, WEEI(AM) requests STA to operate non-directionally from any of the towers in its array with a power not to exceed 12.5 kilowatts or 25% of the licensed power.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provide for operation with emergency antenna facilities. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(1) provides that AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna in lieu of authorized directional facilities shall operate with power reduced to 25 percent or less of the nominal license power, or a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth.

Our review indicates that the request complies with Section 73.1680.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WEEI(AM) may operate daytime and nighttime non-directionally from any of the three towers in its array with reduced power not to exceed 12.5 kilowatts. It will be necessary to further reduce or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Entercom 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 **November 11, 2015**.

¹ WEEI(AM) is licensed for operation on 850 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 50 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-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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