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March 20, 2020

AMFM Texas Licenses LLC, as Debtor in Possession  
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Re: KBKS-FM, Tacoma, Washington  
AMFM Texas Licenses LLC, as Debtor in  
Possession  
Facility ID No. 27020  
File No. 20200320AAK

**Request for Extension of Experimental  
Authority**

Dear Applicant:

The staff has under consideration the above-referenced March 20, 2020 request for extension of experimental authority<sup>1</sup> (Request) submitted on behalf of AMFM Texas Licenses LLC, as Debtor in Possession (AMFM), licensee of a commercial FM Station KBKS-FM, Tacoma, Washington,<sup>2</sup> to permit KBKS-FM to continue to conduct testing of hybrid digital FM in-band on-channel (IBOC) operation with asymmetric power levels in the digital sidebands. The extension of experimental authority is requested pursuant to Section 5.203 of the Commission's Rules.<sup>3</sup>

The Request states that AMFM is seeking continued experimental authority to operate KBKS-FM with lower sideband (LSB) digital effective radiated power (ERP) of -10 dBc<sup>4</sup> (3.7 kW) and upper sideband (USB) digital ERP of -14 dBc (1.45 kW). AMFM states that authorization is needed to allow KBKS-FM to continue to evaluate the hybrid IBOC technology with asymmetric power levels in the digital sidebands. AMFM also indicates that there have been no complaints from any party.

AMFM's request for extension of experimental authority for KBKS-FM meets the requirements for experimental operations set forth in Section 5.203. Accordingly, the extension request is **HEREBY GRANTED**. This experimental authority expires on **March 26, 2021**. This authority is specifically conditioned on the lack of objectionable interference. A report detailing the methodology employed and the results obtained must be submitted within 90 days following

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<sup>1</sup> File No. 20181108AAL, granted 3/26/2019.

<sup>2</sup> File No. BLH-20001023AFA

<sup>3</sup> 47 CFR § 5.203 (Section 5.203).

<sup>4</sup> Decibels relative to analog carrier.

the conclusion of the experimental operation. Any request for further extension of this experimental authority should be filed at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the authority. Additionally, an extension request must include an interim report detailing the progress of the experimental operation as of the filing date of the request.

Sincerely,

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cc: Troy Langham, VP, Technical Regulatory Affairs (via email)