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Marlene H. Dortch,
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SouthWest
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority
Radio Station KSUP(FM), Juneau, Alaska

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Alaska-Juneau Communications, Inc. ("AJCI"), the licensee of radio station KSUP, Channel 292C3, Juneau, Alaska, FCC Facility ID No. 820, I hereby request, pursuant to §§ 73.1560(d) and 73.1635 of the Rules, Special Temporary Authority so that AJCI may continue to operate station KSUP lawfully at reduced power. As AJCI has already informed the Commission, AJCI is already operating the station at reduced power, and circumstances beyond AJCI's control require AJCI to continue to do so for approximately the next three months.

The electrical grid that serves the town of Juneau, including the KSUP transmitter site, is heavily dependent upon hydroelectric power from electric generators located at the Snettisham dam, in Juneau Borough, some 30-odd air miles to the Southeast of the built-up town area. On April 16, snow slides roared out of the mountains some 25 miles southeast of the town, uprooted transmission towers, and destroyed 1.5 miles of the high-voltage line transmission line that links the community of 30,000 to the hydroelectric plant. As a result, the town is now totally dependent upon emergency power from diesel-driven generators.

There is a limited stock of diesel fuel on hand, and replenishment supplies must come via barge from refineries a great distance away. In light of this, the Juneau Commission on Sustainability has asked all residents and businesses to conserve electricity to the maximum

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extent possible. Also, due to the high cost of operating the the emergency power generators (and of replenishment supplies of diesel fuel), the cost of electricity is expected to quintuple in the short term. It is estimated that it will take two to three months to repair the downed high-tension lines and to restore normal hydroelectric service to Juneau.

In light of the emergency situation, the station has curtailed overnight service. Station KSUP continues to meet the minimum operating schedules set forth in § 73.1740(a)(1) of the Rules, however. AJCI has also reduced the operating power of station KSUP to 3,000 watts of Effective Radiated Power, both day and night. That is 30% of the station's authorized ERP of 10,000 watts, and significantly less than the -10% operating-power tolerance that § 73.1560(b) affords to FM Broadcast stations.

Because the station's current power level does not meet the minimum requirements of § 73.1560(b) of the Rules, on AJCI's behalf, I have submitted written notification pursuant to § 73.1560(d). Furthermore, because:

- the power emergency is expected to last up to three months; and
- the self-invoked authority that § 73.1560(d) has afforded to AJCI will expire before normal electrical service to Juneau can be restored,

I am hereby submitting this request for Special Temporary Authority for station KSUP, pursuant to §§ 73.1560(d) and 73.1635 of the Rules.

As I have already informed the Commission's staff in separate correspondence, AJCI has recently discovered that some data are inaccurate in the Commission's records related to the tower that supports KSUP's main antenna. To ensure that the Commission has accurate data, AJCI commissioned a survey of the tower. Based on the results of the survey of the tower, it appears that the previously reported tower heights above ground level and above mean sea level are a few meters too low. In addition, the heights of KSUP's radiation center above ground level and above mean sea level are also two meters too low.

The following table reports the actual heights and the change relative to the values in the records of the FCC and the FAA.

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Parameter	Actual Value	Change Relative to Value On File with FCC or FAA
Elevation of Site Above Mean Sea Level	2.5 meters (8.2 feet)	+0.1 meter (+0.3 feet)
Overall Height Above Ground Level (without appurtenances)*	79.8 meters (261.7 feet)	-2.1 meters (-7.0 feet)
Overall Height Above Ground Level (with appurtenances)†	84.6 meters (277.4 feet)	+2.7 meters (+8.8 feet)
Overall Height Above Mean Sea Level (without appurtenances)*	82.3 meters (270 feet)	---
Overall Height Above Mean Sea Level (with appurtenances)†	87.1 meters (285.7 feet)	+1.8 meters (+5.8 feet)
FM Radiation Center Above Ground Level	72 meters (236 feet)	+2 meters
FM Radiation Center Above Mean Sea Level	74.4 meters (244 feet)	+ 2 meters
FM Radiation Center Above Average Terrain	-305 meters	+ 2 meters

* -- These values do not include the top-mounted antenna of Television Station KJUD(TV), , Channel 8 and KJUD-DT, Channel 11, Juneau, Alaska, FCC Facility ID No. 13814;, as that antenna is technically an appurtenance. These values also do not include the top-mounted red aviation beacon.

† -- These values do include the television antenna and the top-mounted red aviation beacon.

AJCI has informed the FAA of the corrected height data by electronically filing an FAA Form 7460-1. Upon the FAA's issuance of a revised Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation, AJCI intends to electronically file an FCC Form 854R to obtain a corrected Antenna Structure registration. The tower's Antenna Structure Registration Number is 1028325.


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Based on my communications with the Commission's staff, I understand that it is not necessary for AJCI to file an FCC Form 301 application for a Construction Permit or an FCC Form 302-FM application for a modified Station License to reflect the corrected height values.

As required, I am supplying an Anti-Drug-Abuse Act Certificate, executed by AJCI's President.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please direct them to me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. J. McVeigh". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Joseph McVeigh

Enclosure

EXHIBIT A

ANTI-DRUG-ABUSE ACT CERTIFICATE

Radio Station KSUP(FM),
Channel 292C3,
Juneau, Alaska
Facility ID No. 820

ANTI-DRUG ABUSE ACT CERTIFICATION

Alaska-Juneau Communications, Inc. hereby certifies that no party to this request (as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 1.2002(b)) is subject to a Denial of Federal Benefits pursuant to § 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853a.

ALASKA-JUNEAU COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By _____


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ITS PRESIDENT

DATE: MAY 1, 2008