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November 8, 2019

Rural California Broadcasting Corp.
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Re: KRCB-FM, Santa Rosa, CA
Rural California Broadcasting Corp.
Facility Identification Number: 57946
Special Temporary Authority
BSTA-20191106ABA

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to your STA request filed November 6, 2019. The licensed facility for KRCB-FM was forced to cease operation due to ongoing and widespread wildfires in central California. The present STA seeks to continue emergency operations instituted at KRCB-FM's studio site a few days ago.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

This STA site lies far beyond the licensed 60 dBu service contour of KRCB-FM. No part of the the 60 dBu contour of the temporary operation serves any area within the station's licensed service area. Because of this, our routine processing procedures mandate that the STA request be denied. However, given the nature of the emergency, we are willing to grant a limited STA for a period of 60 days only. Any extensions sought for this authority will be limited to 60 day intervals. This STA operation must not cause any interference to other station, and it must cease operation if interference occurs.

We point out that the STA operation here on Channel 216 must cause and receive mutually destructive first-adjacent channel interference from KRCB-FM's translator station K215CQ, and the STA for that translator granted October 28, 2019 (assigned file number BSTA-20191028ABN). The licensee is directed to take such steps as might be necessary – which may include reducing the FM translator's ERP or ceasing its operation – to wholly eliminate interference caused by simultaneous operation of these two facilities.

This STA expires January 8, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dale Bickel".

Dale Bickel
Senior Engineer
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cc: Barry S. Persh (via e-mail only)