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AMFM Broadcasting Licenses LLC  
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Re: AMFM Broadcasting Licenses LLC  
KKSF(AM), Oakland, CA  
Facility Identification Number: 59966  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed August 23, 2018, on behalf of AMFM Broadcasting Licenses LLC ("AMFM"). AMFM requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate a test operation for AM station KKSF(AM) on 910 kHz. Operation is proposed from one of the towers of the existing nighttime transmitter site of AM station KTRB(AM). AM station KTRB(AM) will not transmit from the site while this operation is underway.

AMFM would like to determine if the KTRB(AM) transmitter site would be a viable new site for a radio station that they own, in the same radio market as the station that formerly used the site. AMFM plans to feed one of the towers of the KTRB(AM) array so that field strength measurements can be made on-frequency to determine the effective ground conductivity for the path in question. Specifically, KKSF(AM) requests STA to operate non-directionally from a tower that is 63.5 electrical degrees tall with 22.2 electrical degrees top loading at 910 kHz. It is proposed to operate during the daytime with a power not to exceed 5 kilowatts, which is 25% of the authorized power of KKSF(AM). It is expected that the tests will be completed within 8 days of the grant date of this STA request.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED. Station KKSF(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	37° 35' 34" N, 121° 46' 27" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	910 KHz
Hours of operation	Daytime only
Operating power	5 kilowatt
Antenna type	Existing tower
Electrical height	63.5 electrical degree tower with 22.2 degrees of top-loading

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KKSF(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KKSF(AM) 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 **September 14, 2018**.


**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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Media Bureau

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