

Need for Extension of STA for KKMx
June 2022

This request is intended as an extension of the special temporary authority (STA) granted in BESTA-20211207AAD, granted 12/16/2021. The initial request was granted in BSTA-20210615AAI.

As a result of storm damage, the KKMx transmitter can only maintain 250 watts of power. It has been determined that the transmitter cannot be repaired and a new one needs to be purchased. It is working with the insurance companies to resolve whether they will cover the damage to KKMx's transmitter. The licensee has two insurance companies that should cover the damage, Liberty and The Hartford. Both have so far declined to cover the damage but for different reasons. According to the insurance broker, there cannot be two reasons for non-coverage. As a result, the licensee filed a complaint with the Oregon Insurance Commission. The Hartford has responded, after receiving notice of the complaint, and now wants to revisit the issue and hire an engineer to come to the KKMx transmitter site and see the damage in person. The engineer from The Hartford is scheduled to visit the site next week. It will take an unknown amount of time for the licensee to receive a resolution of whether the insurance company will cover the damage. At a minimum, it will need another six months to determine whether insurance will cover the damage, and if so, to order the equipment and get it installed.

The licensee estimates it will cost about \$150,000 to replace the equipment, which is a large sum for this small market broadcaster. If Brooke Communications cannot obtain insurance coverage, it will need to decide whether to spend the money to replace the equipment or shut down the station and give the license back to the FCC.

The public interest would be served by granting the STA extension to operate with reduced power as service is still being provided to the public while the licensee awaits the results of the insurance coverage determination.