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Re: Mapleton License of Spokane, LLC
KJRB (AM), Spokane, Washington
Facility Identification Number: 11235
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed December 19, 2012, on behalf of Mapleton License of Spokane, LLC ("Mapleton"). Mapleton requests special temporary authority ("STA") for operation of the day and night antenna systems with parameters at variance or parameters adjusted to the moment method parameter values while maintaining monitoring points within license limits.¹

Mapleton has been operating under STA since July of 2011 due to a number of issues, which include a defective antenna monitor and two of the station's nighttime monitor points being above their limits. In support of its STA request, Mapleton states that its antenna monitor has been repaired, and the measurements and computer modeling required to apply for a new license under Section 73.151(c) have been completed, however the operating parameters determined by the method of moments computer model in some cases differ from the presently licensed parameters by more than the allowable 5% or 3°.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KJRB may operate with parameters at variance from licensed values or adjusted to the moment method parameter values while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Mapleton must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² Mapleton must use whatever means are

¹ KJRB is licensed for operation on 790 kHz with 5 kW daytime and 3.8 kW nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns during daytime and nighttime hours. (DA-2-U).

² See 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)

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 **June 20, 2013**.

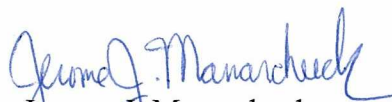
STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice 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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cc: Mapleton License of Spokane, LLC