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David P. Stephens, Manager
SMG-Spokane, LLC
2448 E. 81st Street
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Re: SMG-Spokane, LLC (SMG)
KJRB(AM), Spokane, WA
Facility Identification Number: 11235
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20200707AAF

Dear Mr. Stephens:

This is in reference to the request filed on July 7, 2020. SMG requests a final extension of the STA granted on May 11, 2017, to continue operating with parameters at variance due to the pending license applications for KGA and KJRB.¹ In support of the request, we note that our staff will require additional time to review both applications.

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.

¹ KJRB(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 790 kHz with 5 kW (day) and 3.8 kW (night). BP-20180308AAC and BMP-20190531ABB authorize a change from DA to ND for both stations, using the existing taller tower.

Accordingly, the request for extension of the STA is **HEREBY GRANTED**, and SMG may now commence ND operation with parameters at variance using a maximum of 4.4 kW day, and 0.034 kW night, based upon the pending license application BMML-20200312AAM. Otherwise SMG may continue to operate as previously authorized using the nighttime DA pattern with parameters at variance from licensed values while maintaining all monitor points within licensed limits (with no change to the licensed daytime 5 kW DA operation) until after the license application has been granted. SMG 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 **January 8, 2021**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" being more prominent than the last name "Szczesny".

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