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Soul's Harbor Baptist Church
d/b/a Mexico Educational Broadcasting Foundation
621 W. Monroe
Mexico, MO 65265

Re: KJAB-FM, Mexico, MO
Facility Identification Number: 41411
Soul's Harbor Baptist Church
d/b/a Mexico Educational Broadcasting Foundation
Special Temporary Authorization
BSTA-20130503ADI

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to the request filed May 3, 2013, on behalf of Soul's Harbor Baptist Church d/b/a Mexico Educational Broadcasting Foundation ("MEBF"). MEBF requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KJAB-FM with temporary facilities, while the licensee completes construction pursuant to construction permit BPED-20100506AFP.¹ Because the construction is taking place at the licensed facility site, and because some of the equipment from the licensed facility is being transferred to the construction permit facility, the station is currently silent. This STA would permit temporary reduced operations at 1.4 kW from an existing tower at the main studio site.

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. While the unavailability of the licensed transmitter site is under the licensee's control, we agree that the circumstances warrant use of another site. Otherwise, the proposed STA operation complies with the foregoing criteria.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KJAB-FM may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	39° 10' 24" N, 91° 53' 21" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	288A (105.5 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	1.4 kilowatts (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above average terrain:	39 meters
above mean sea level:	281 meters
above ground:	37 meters

¹ KJAB-FM is licensed to operate on Channel 288A (105.5 MHz) with an effective radiated power of 4.8 kilowatts and an antenna height above average terrain of 83 meters.

MEBF must notify the Commission when construction pursuant to its construction permit is complete, and operations commenced. MEBF must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **November 2, 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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