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Public Notice, *Media Bureau Announces New Procedures for All Filings Currently Submitted in the Consolidated Database system (CDBS)*, DA 22-29, released January 11, 2022, addressed to audiofilings@fcc.gov, Mr. James Bradshaw, Senior Deputy Chief (james.bradshaw@fcc.gov); and Mr. Rodolfo Bonacci, Assistant Chief, Audio Division (rodolfo.bonacci@fcc.gov).

Marlene H. Dortch, Esquire
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 "L" Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: KIOA(FM), Des Moines, IA (Facility I.D. No. 58547)
Corrected - Request for Special Temporary Authority

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Transmitted herewith, on behalf of Saga Communications of Iowa, LLC ("Saga"), licensee of Station KIOA(FM), Des Moines, IA (Facility I.D. No. 58547), is "Summary of Special Temporary Authority (STA) Request" filed in support of Saga's request for temporary authority for KIOA.

The \$210.00 filing fee associated with this filing, will be paid after the Commission staff issues a file number for this request. Payment confirmation thereof will be attached to a future letter.¹

If there are any questions, please communicate with the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

Gary S. Smithwick

Counsel for

Saga Communications of Iowa, LLC

¹ Saga's Anti-Drug Abuse Act Certification is incorporated in the attached Technical Summary.

Summary of Special Temporary Authority (STA) Request

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Call letters: KIOA(FM)
City of License: Des Moines, IA
Channel: CH227C1 (93.3 MHz)
File No: BLH-20000207ABQ
Facility ID: 58547
Applicant: Saga Communications of Iowa, LLC

Requested STA Purpose: Engineering STA

Technical Specification: Licensed Antenna System at a Reduced Power

Explanation of Special Temporary Authority (STA) Request for the Licensed Antenna System at a Reduced Power.

KIOA(FM) - Des Moines, IA (FAC ID: 58547) is licensed under BLH-20000207ABQ with 82.0 kW ERP(H&V) of non-directional power at an antenna COR of 596 meters AMSL (305 meters AGL). KIOA(FM) presently utilizes an Electronics Research Inc. (ERI) Model G5CPS-10AC, 10-bay, half-wave spaced antenna with a Transmitter Power Output (TPO) of 17.5 kW.

On January 17, 2022, an undetermined antenna failure rendered KIOA(FM) unable to safely maintain full licensed parameters. Therefore, out of an overabundance of caution, the station is operating at 71.4% licensed power. Scheduling of a tower climber to inspect the system has occurred. However, due to the on-going Covid-19 situation, tower-firm staffing issues, and anticipated antenna-part supply chain shortage issues; the antenna inspection, diagnosis, repair and restoration of licensed operations is anticipated to take more than 30 days.

Therefore, during this period of interim operation, KIOA(FM) requests Special Temporary Authority to operate at 71.4% licensed power; or a power of 58.5 kW ERP (12.5 kW TPO) into the licensed, Electronics Research Inc. (ERI) Model G5CPS-10AC, 10-bay, half-wave spaced antenna at the licensed antenna COR of 596 meters AMSL (305 meters AGL). This STA requests a full 180 days, or six (6) months of temporary operation.

Temporary operation at a variance from the Commission's Rules is believed merited as this STA (1) seeks temporary relief from the combined provisions of 47 C.F.R. Section 73 Subpart B (73.201-73.333) and Subpart H (73.1001-73.4280); (2) serves the public interest by maintaining a KIOA(FM) service to the community of license (Des Moines, IA) as opposed to seeking silent authority; and (3) is not expected to exceed an STA duration of 180 days from the time of the STA filing until repairs and restoration of the KIOA(FM) licensed operation occurs. No change to the licensed KIOA(FM) operation is anticipated. However, if changes to the antenna, feedline or Transmitter Power Output (TPO) are encountered; the applicant will file a future Construction Permit or License Modification Application should repairs merit such a filing.

Anti-Drug Abuse Act Certification. The applicant certifies that neither the applicant nor any party to the application is subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862.

CERTIFICATION OF TECHNICAL CONSULTANT: I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the contents of this report are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify I have over twenty-two years of experience as a broadcast technical consultant before the Federal Communications Commission ("the FCC"); and am familiar with the Code of Federal Regulations Title 47 ("the Rules") as pertaining to this report and its contents herein. The underlying data utilized in this report was taken directly from FCC databases or indirectly through third party software vendors securing data directly from FCC databases. This firm cannot be held liable for errors or omissions resulting from the underlying data. The information contained herein is believed accurate to the date reported below.



Justin W. Asher
Technical Consultant
January 24, 2022