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Cumulus Licensing LLC
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Re: Cumulus Licensing LLC
KUGN(AM), Eugene, Oregon
Facility Identification Number: 12506
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed April 11, 2016, on behalf of Cumulus Licensing LLC ("CLL"). CLL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KUGN(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹ Specifically, CLL proposes to operate during daytime hours with its night-time antenna pattern.

In support of its request CLL states that due to failure of the antenna switching relay system, the antenna system is locked in the night directional mode. Therefore, until the repairs are made, CLL requests STA to operate with the nighttime pattern at a reduced power of 1.5 kilowatts during daytime hours. The nighttime operation is not affected.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KUGN(AM) may operate daytime with its nighttime pattern at a reduced power of 1.5 kilowatts but must maintain monitoring points within licensed limits. No changes are proposed to the nighttime operation. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CLL must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² CLL 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.

¹ KUGN(AM) is licensed for operation on 590 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

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

This authority expires on **October 11, 2016**.

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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