

JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Rincon Broadcasting LS LLC (“Rincon”) hereby requests an extension of its Engineering STA to continue operating FM Station KSBL (Carpinteria, CA/Facility ID 35592) at a location approximately 0.4 miles from its authorized site at the operating parameters specified in its initial STA Request.

In its initial STA request, Rincon reported on the wildfire (the “Montecito Fire”) that started on November 13, 2008, in Montecito, a small community adjacent to Santa Barbara, CA. A few days later the Montecito Fire hit the KSBL transmitter site on Gibraltar Peak, burning the station’s transmission line and taking KSBL off the air. This transmitter site, which was home to numerous other local broadcast stations, sustained extensive damage, including the loss of its power line. Because of the fire damage to this site, Rincon determined at the time that the fastest way to restore service to KSBL’s listeners during the fire emergency was to relocate the station transmission facilities to a nearby site about 0.4 of a mile higher up on Gibraltar Peak, where Rincon has other broadcast station facilities and where the fire had not spread. Although the STA site had lost its power line as well, Rincon has a generator in place there to power all of its broadcast station facilities at this location, including the emergency facilities of KSBL.

Repairs to KSBL’s licensed transmitter site were just about finished when the Jesusita Fire struck the Santa Barbara area on May 5, 2009 and was not fully under control until more than two weeks later. Before this new fire was contained, it burned KSBL’s licensed transmitter site again – this time causing more damage than the earlier Montecito Fire.

Given the damage caused by the two back-to-back Santa Barbara fires, Rincon is still assessing the station’s options for returning to licensed operations, including whether to relocate to the STA location on a permanent basis, move to another site on Rincon Peak, for which Rincon recently was granted a construction permit (BPH-20080418AAO), or return to its licensed location. However, returning to the licensed site, though still an option, is less likely because of this site’s apparent susceptibility to wildfires and the length of time it is taking to restore the site to full service.

Accordingly, as Rincon continues to review its options to determine the best possible home for the station, an extension of STA is respectfully requested. Grant of the requested STA extension for KSBL is in the public interest as it will permit the station to continue to provide optimal public service to its listeners in the local community.