

Request for Further Extension of Special Temporary Authority

This is in reference to the request for Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) for KJRB(AM), Spokane, Washington filed by Mapleton License of Spokane, LLC (“Mapleton”) on May 8, 2017 (BSTA-20170508AAO), as extended on November 21, 2018 (FCC File No. BESTA-20181121AAO). Mapleton requests a further extension of this STA to continue to operate at night with parameters at variance along with co-located station KGA(AM) (FCC Facility ID No. 11234) due to unresolved antenna system problems.

An application to modify the license of KJRB(AM) was granted on June 18, 2018. *See* FCC File No. BP-20180308AAC. In this application, Mapleton proposes to replace the current daytime and nighttime directional antenna patterns with a non-directional antenna, reducing daytime power to 4.4 kW and nighttime power to 34 Watts. KJRB(AM) will continue to be diplexed with KGA(AM).

Due to ongoing problems with the existing diplexed antenna system, Mapleton has determined that it will need to modify the current construction permit for KGA(AM), and an application to modify the current construction permit was filed on May 31, 2019. *See* FCC File No. BMP-20190531ABB. In this application, Mapleton proposes to replace the current directional antenna with a non-directional antenna, while maintaining the current daytime power of 50 kW. The 15 kW 4 tower nighttime directional antenna operation will be replaced by a 0.54 kW omnidirectional operation. As noted in the underlying construction permit, no new tower construction is proposed, and the unused 4 towers will be dismantled or detuned. Because of the diplexed nature of operations for KGA(AM) and KJRB(AM), construction of the KJRB(AM) construction permit cannot commence until the modification of construction permit for KGA(AM) is granted.

Mapleton requests a further extension of its current STA in order to continue to provide uninterrupted operation to its community of license. KJRB(AM) continues to operate at reduced power while continuing to maintain the monitor points as per the current STA.

As noted in the underlying STA, Mapleton will reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received, and will 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.