

## Request for Special Temporary Authority

Cortaro Broadcasting Corporation, licensee of AM radio broadcast station KCKY, Coolidge, Arizona requests special temporary authority to continue service to the public pending action by the Audio Division on Cortaro's petition for reconsideration of the Division's letter of June 29, 2017 dismissing Cortaro's application for renewal of the station license, deleting the call letters and purporting to cancel the station's underlying authorization.

In enacting the program for collection of regulatory fees, Congress did not intend that struggling stations like KCKY that provide meritorious service would be snuffed out due to their inability to pay regulatory fees. This is why Cortaro has sought waiver of the requirement to pay regulatory fees. However, through extraordinary efforts, Cortaro did secure a one time loan to pay the regulatory fees that were due last September – yet no credit was given to it for that effort in the letter of June 29. This, among other issues, will be addressed in the petition for reconsideration.

Cancellation of the KCKY license and suspension of service is directly contrary to the longstanding FCC policies aimed at increasing the ownership of broadcast facilities by racial and ethnic minorities. Notably, all of the directors of Asociacion Internacional de Comunicaciones Cristianas (the non-profit entity that is the sole owner of Cortaro) are Hispanic.

Further, KCKY provides a valuable service through its ministry to the minority population of the greater Coolidge area, most particularly including the inmate population of the several correctional facilities located in the vicinity of nearby Florence, Arizona. At a minimum, this service to the public should be allowed to continue while the Commission considers Cortaro's petition.