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David P. Stephens, Manager
SMG-Spokane, LLC
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Re: SMG-Spokane, LLC (SMG)
KGA(AM), Spokane, WA
Facility Identification Number: 11234
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20191231AAC

Dear Mr. Stephens:

This is in reference to the request filed on December 31, 2019. SMG requests a final extension of the STA granted on May 11, 2017, to continue operating with parameters at variance due to the pending license applications for KGA and KJRB.¹ In support of the request, we note that our staff will require additional time to review both applications.

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.

¹ KGA(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 1510 kHz with 50 kW (day) and 15 kW (night), and BMP-20190531ABB and BP-20180308AAC authorize a change from DA to ND for both stations, using the existing taller tower.

Accordingly, the request for extension of the STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and SMG may now commence ND operation with parameters at variance using a maximum of 50 kW day, 45 kW critical hours, and 0.54 kW nighttime based upon the pending license application BL-20200512AAL. Otherwise SMG may continue to operate as previously authorized during daytime hours using the licensed nighttime DA pattern at 14 kW, with no change to the licensed nighttime 15 kW DA operation, until after the license application has been granted. SMG 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.

This authority expires on **January 8, 2021**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "S".

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