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Re: KWYX (FM), Casper, WY
Cochise Broadcasting, LLC
Facility Identification Number: 166051
Special Temporary Authority
BSTA-20131107ANC

KCYA (FM), Rolling Hills, WY
Cochise Media Licenses, LLC
Facility Identification Number: 166055
Special Temporary Authority
BSTA-20131107ANJ

KGRK (FM), Glenrock, WY
Cochise Broadcasting, LLC
Facility Identification Number: 88725
Special Temporary Authority
BSTA-20131107ANH

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the requests filed November 7, 2013, for Cochise Broadcasting, LLC and Cochise Media Partners, LLC ("collectively Cochise"). Cochise requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate these three collocated facilities at reduced power. Cochise states that building overheating problems occur when all three stations are operated (presumably at full power). STA is requested to allow reduced power operation by all three of these stations.¹

¹ Commission records indicate that all three of these stations have been mostly off the air since being licensed in 2009 or 2010, with only brief returns to operation.

Section 73.1560(d), which governs reduced power operation, states:

In the event it becomes technically impossible to operate at authorized power, a broadcast station may operate at reduced power for a period of not more than 30 days without specific authority from the FCC. If operation at reduced power will exceed 10 consecutive days, notification must be made to the FCC in Washington, DC, Attention: Audio Division (radio) or Video Division (television), Media Bureau, not later than the 10th day of the lower power operation. In the event that normal power is restored within the 30 day period, the licensee must notify the FCC of the date that normal operation was restored. If causes beyond the control of the licensee prevent restoration of the authorized power within 30 days, a request for Special Temporary Authority (see Section 73.1635) must be made to the FCC in Washington, DC for additional time as may be necessary.

Our review indicates that the request complies with Section 73.1560(d).

Cochise must notify the Commission when licensed operation for each of these stations is restored. Cochise must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. See 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This STA expires May 12, 2014. Cochise must send an e-mail to Dale Bickel, dale.bickel@fcc.gov, on the (and including the) date that operation by each station pursuant to this STA commence. This date will be recorded in the Commission's CDBS database. We expect that Cochise shall maintain these STA operations for KWTX, KCTA, and KGRK throughout the term of this STA.

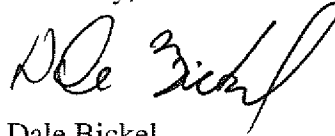
STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Bickel", written in a cursive style.

Dale Bickel,
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cc: Cochise Broadcasting LLC