

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority

This is in reference to the request for Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) for KGA(AM), Spokane, Washington filed by Mapleton License of Spokane, LLC (“Mapleton”) on January 5, 2018 (BSTA-20180105AAR). Mapleton requests a further extension of this STA to continue to operate at night with parameters at variance along with co-located station KJRB(AM) (FCC Facility ID No. 11235) due to unresolved antenna system problems.

Mapleton filed an application for a construction permit to modify the licensed antenna system of KGA(AM), *see* FCC File No. BP-20180302AAM, which was granted on June 18, 2018. In this application, Mapleton proposes to replace the current daytime directional antenna with a non-directional antenna while maintaining the current daytime power of 50 kW. The 15 kW four tower nighttime directional antenna operation will be replaced by a 5 kW two tower pattern, using two of the existing five towers at the site. No new tower construction is proposed, and the unused three towers will be dismantled.

Concurrently, Mapleton filed an application for a construction permit to modify the licensed antenna system of KJRB(AM). *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. This application is currently pending. KJRB(AM) will continue to be diplexed with KGA(AM).

Because the construction permit for KJRB(AM) remains pending, and because the construction permit for KGA(AM) was just granted on June 18, 2018, Mapleton has not met all of the conditions on the KGA(AM) construction permit that are necessary before the station can be licensed under its new parameters. Accordingly, Mapleton requests a further extension of its current STA for KGA(AM) in order to continue to provide uninterrupted operation to its community of license. 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.