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Summit Broadcasting Group, LLC
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Re: Summit Broadcasting Group, LLC
KBNW(AM), Bend, OR
Facility Identification Number: 160749
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed April 20, 2017, on behalf of Summit Broadcasting Group, LLC ("SBG"). SBG requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KBNW(AM) from an alternate site location.¹ Specifically, KBNW(AM) proposes to operate from the station's studio site with a long wire antenna.

In support of the request, KBNW(AM) states that it has lost the use of the station's licensed transmitter site, as the tower's owner has sold the property for development and dismantled the tower. Therefore, the station is requesting STA to operate from its studio site which is located 2.66 kilometers (1.65 miles) from its licensed site. Specifically, KBNW(AM) is planning to use a 100 foot long wire antenna. A daytime power of 1 kilowatt and a nighttime power of 0.5 kilowatt are proposed.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area² without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED. Station KBNW(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

¹ KBNW(AM) is licensed for operation on 1340 kHz with a daytime power of 1 kilowatt and a nighttime power of 0.5 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna (ND2-U).

² For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

Geographic coordinates	44° 03' 32" N, 121° 17' 57" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1340 KHz
Hours of operation	Daytime and Nighttime
Operating power	1 kilowatt (daytime), 0.5 kilowatt (nighttime)
Antenna type	Long wire antenna (100 foot)
Antenna efficiency	290 mV/m/kW at 1 km

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KBNW(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KBNW(AM) 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 **December 18, 2017**.

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,



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