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Fundacion Manitas Llenas, Inc.
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Re: Fundacion Manitas Llenas, Inc.
KWNA(AM), Winnemucca, NV
Facility Identification Number: 60046
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed May 9, 2019, on behalf of Fundacion Manitas Llenas, Inc. ("FML"). FML requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KWNA(AM) from an alternate site location with a temporary long wire antenna.¹ In support of the request, the consulting engineer for the applicant has informed the Commission that the licensed tower site has been sold to another owner and is no longer available as a tower site. In addition, the station has been silent since May 22, 2018 and therefore the station's license will expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., May 23, 2019.

Thus, KWNA(AM) proposes to operate from an alternate tower site located 9.9 kilometers (6.2 miles) from its currently licensed site. KWNA(AM) requests operation with a 170 foot (51.8 meter) long-wire antenna supported by two telephone poles with the long-wire 20 feet above ground level. Operation is requested with a reduced power of 250 watts.

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.

¹ KWNA(AM) is licensed for operation on 1400 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND2-U).

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

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

Geographic coordinates	40° 54' 53" N, 117° 48' 42" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1400 kHz
Hours of operation	Daytime and Nighttime
Operating power	0.25 kilowatt
Antenna type	170 foot long-wire antenna

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KWNA(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KWNA(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 **November 10, 2019**.

Notwithstanding the grant of this STA or the expiration date specified herein, the station's license will expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., May 23, 2019. *See* Pub. Law No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, Section 403(1)(1996) and *Order, Silent Station Authorizations*, FCC 96-218 (released May 17, 1996). *See also Public Notice, Expedited Processing of Applications Filed by Silent Stations*, DA 96-818 (May 22, 1996). The licensee must notify the Audio Division immediately upon resumption of broadcasting.

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 dark ink, reading "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerome" and last name "Manarchuck" clearly legible.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
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cc: David G. O'Neil, Esq. (via email only)