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Starlight Broadcasting LLC
138 East C Street
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Re: Starlight Broadcasting LLC
KYQT(AM), Burns, OR
Facility Identification Number: 62265
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed July 27, 2017, on behalf of Starlight Broadcasting LLC ("SBL"). SBL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KYQT(AM) from an alternate site location.¹ In support of the request, SBL states the station is currently silent (BLESTA-20170605AAM) as a result of technical problems with operations pursuant to a prior STA grant in FCC File No. BSTA-20161026ABK². The licensee has lost access to the STA site and therefore must relocate to a new site.

Specifically, KYQT(AM) request STA to operate with a temporary long wire antenna from its studio. The long-wire antenna will be supported at one end by a short tower at the corner of the studio building, and at the other end by a wooden pole. The wire will have a vertical run of 30 feet, and a horizontal run of 100 feet. A daytime and nighttime power of 60 watts is 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 area³ without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

¹ KYQT(AM) is licensed for operation on 1230 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND2-U).

² The station originally filed an STA (BSTA-20161026ABK) due to the loss of the licensed transmitter site. The site was foreclosed upon and no longer available to the licensee.

³ For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED.

Station KYQT(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	43° 34' 59" N, 119° 03' 14" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1230 KHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	0.06 kilowatt
Antenna type	Long wire antenna (30 ft. vertical run, 100 ft. horizontal run)
Antenna efficiency	285.8 mV/m per kW at 1 km

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KYQT(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KYQT(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 **January 24, 2018**.

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., November 16, 2017. *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.

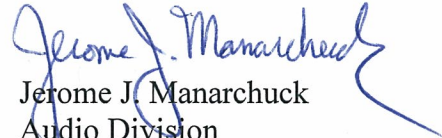
Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. 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,


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