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Myron K. Smith, President
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Re: Kingdom Expansion Corporation
WVOT (AM), Wilson, North Carolina
Facility Identification Number: 8778
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in reference to the request filed February 19, 2014, on behalf of Kingdom Expansion Corporation ("KEC"). KEC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station WVOT(AM) with temporary facilities previously authorized in BSTA-20130214AAH.¹ In support of the request, KEC states that due to circumstances beyond licensee control, the licensee is still unable to use its licensed transmitter site. KEC has been able to locate a new permanent location and will be working with a consultant to prepare and file a 301 application for the new location. However, in the meantime KEC requests STA for continued operation with a temporary wire antenna and reduced power during daytime and nighttime hours.

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 service² 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. Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with the foregoing criteria.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WVOT(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	35° 43' 44" N, 77° 54' 49" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1420 KHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	Not to exceed 0.3 kW daytime, 0.125 kW nighttime
Antenna type	horizontal wire

¹ WVOT(AM) is licensed for operation on 1420 kHz with 1 kilowatt daytime and 0.5 kilowatt nighttime, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DA-N-U).

² For AM - 5 mV/m; for commercial FM - 3.16 mV/m; for noncommercial educational FM - 1.0 mV/m.

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

Antenna efficiency	282 mV/m
Overall height	18.3 meters (60')

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KEC 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. We note that the previous STA expired on May 22, 2013. Our review indicates that the circumstances presented warrant grant of STA in order to provide for service to the public. However, in light of the lapse of time between the expiration of the prior STA and the filing of the instant request, the authority granted will not cover the period between the expiration of the prior STA and the filing of the instant request.

This authority expires on **August 19, 2014**.


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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cc: Kingdom Expansion Corporation