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Americom Limited Partnership  
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Re: Americom Limited Partnership  
KZTQ(AM), Sparks, NV  
Facility Identification Number: 48684  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed December 12, 2018, on behalf of Americom Limited Partnership ("ALP"). ALP requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KZTQ(AM) with parameters at variance from license values.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, KZTQ(AM) requests operation with Moment Method derived operating parameters for the station's nighttime operation. No changes are proposed to the daytime non-directional operation.

In support of the request, ALP states that KZTQ(AM) has been operating under STA for several years due to the theft of much of the station's ground system and damage to the transmission lines, sample lines, and control cables caused by a wildfire. Measurements and a moment method model have been completed on the nighttime directional antenna pattern. ALP further states that initial reference point field strength readings taken on the 6° and 47° null radials indicate that the pattern as currently adjusted, meets the suppression requirements on these radials, and symmetry of the in-line pattern would indicate that the other two null radials are also within limits. Therefore, ALP requests STA to operate the station during nighttime hours with the substantially adjusted Moment Method parameters. Once Spring arrives the site will be accessible again and a modification to the phasing system can be implemented.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED and BESTA-20180615AAJ IS SUPERSEDED. Station KZTQ(AM) may operate nighttime with the substantially adjusted moment method operating parameters. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. ALP must notify the Commission when

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<sup>1</sup> KZTQ(AM) is licensed for operation on 1270 kHz with a daytime power of 13 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> ALP 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 **June 16, 2019**.

**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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<sup>2</sup> *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)

cc: Dennis P. Corbett, Esq. (via email only)