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Hispanic Family Christian Network, Inc.
8330 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1155
Dallas, Texas 75240

Re: K229DD (FX), San Francisco, CA
Hispanic Family Christian Network, Inc.
Facility Identification Number: 144139
Request for Special Temporary Authority ("STA")
BSTA-20200305AAP

Dear Licensee:

We have before us your STA request for K229DD, filed March 5, 2020. The STA request seeks authority to operate with reduced power "for purposes of conducting testing" to address interference complaints.

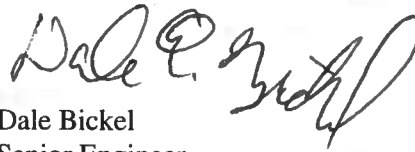
This STA will not be granted, and K229DD may not commence sustained operations at any power level. As you are aware, the translator K229DD was ordered to cease operation by staff letter dated March 25, 2019, due to unresolved interference complaints. You sought reconsideration twice afterward, but those (opposed) petitions were denied by letters dated July 22, 2019 and December 19, 2019. We are not persuaded that the proposed reduced power operation in the STA will be successful in avoiding a repetition of the interference that caused Audio Division to revoke operating authority in the first instance.¹ Nor is an STA necessary for testing interference remedies.²

Therefore, the request for Special Temporary Authority, file number BSTA-20200305AAP, IS **DISMISSED**. No similar STA request will be entertained under the circumstances. The licensee must file a suitable construction permit application on FCC Form 349 for any changes it might desire, and await grant of that construction permit before sustained operations commence. We make no representation as to whether such a construction permit can be granted before the one year period of silence ends on March 25, 2020, and the application of Section 312(g) of the Communications Act to cancel the silent translator's license.

¹ The Bureau ordered the Licensee to demonstrate protection to outstanding interference locations if it elected to file an STA at the same transmitter site. *See Letter from James D. Bradshaw, Senior Deputy Chief, Audio Division Media Bureau to Hispanic Family Christian Network, Inc. et. al.* note 67 (dated Mar. 25, 2019) ("any request by HFCN to operate with reduced/temporary facilities on this same channel will only be granted upon a demonstration that the proposed facilities will not cause interference at all of the listening locations provided by the remaining listeners.") Here, Licensee has failed to meet its burden.

² "Short test transmissions may be made during the period of suspended operation to check the efficacy of remedial measures." 47 CFR 74.1203(b). These short test transmissions with authorized facilities do not require Special Temporary Authority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Bickel", written in a cursive style.

Dale Bickel
Senior Engineer
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Mr. Dan Alpert (via e-mail)