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The Fort Collins/Lafayette Divestiture Trust
c/o Jay Meyers
639 Indian River Drive
Melbourne, FL 32935

Re: The Fort Collins/Lafayette Divestiture Trust
KARS-FM, Laramie, Wyoming
Facility Identification Number: 10334
Special Temporary Authority
BSTA-20141017AAL

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to the request filed October 17, 2014, for the The Fort Collins/Lafayette Divestiture Trust ("FC/LDT"). FC/LDT requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KARS-FM with temporary facilities.¹ In support of the request, FC/LDT states that the station ceased operation on October 7, 2014 due to problems with the stations studio-to-transmitter link (STL). Repairs are expected to be completed in the next several weeks.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KARS-FM may operate via the facilities of FM Booster KARS-FM1, as necessary pending completion of repairs to the station's STL. FC/LDT must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. FC/LDT must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **December 27, 2014**.

¹ KARS-FM is licensed for operation on Channel 275C1 (102.9 MHz) with effective radiated power of 100 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 248 meters.

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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