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Sacred Heart Radio, Inc.  
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Re: Sacred Heart Radio, Inc.  
KTTO(AM), Spokane, WA  
Facility Identification Number: 38492  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed July 31, 2017, on behalf of Sacred Heart Radio, Inc. ("SHR"). SHR requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KTTO(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.<sup>1</sup> In addition, the station requests the option to operate the station non-directionally during nighttime hours with the daytime antenna and with reduced power.

Specifically, KTTO(AM) requests an STA to operate during daytime hours with reduced power and during nighttime hours with directional antenna parameters at variance or with the non-directional daytime antenna and with a power not to exceed 0.25 kilowatt. The STA is needed in order to facilitate the installation of an FM antenna and isolation circuits for a new translator on tower #1 of the KTTO(AM) array.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KTTO(AM) may operate during daytime and nighttime hours with parameters at variance while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. In addition, the station may operate non-directionally during nighttime hours from the daytime antenna and with power not to exceed 0.25 kilowatt. In accordance with Section 1.30003 of the Commission's rules, a partial proof of performance as defined by Section 73.154 shall be conducted by the tower proponent both before and after construction to establish that the AM array will not be and has not been adversely affected. If the operating parameters of the AM array change

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<sup>1</sup> KTTO(AM) is licensed for operation on 970 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

following the installation, the results of the partial proof of performance shall be filed by the AM station with the Commission on Form 302-AM. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. SHR 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 **February 13, 2018**.

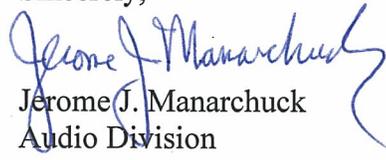
**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice 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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