

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authorization

Cumulus Licensing LLC (“CLL”), pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the FCC’s rules, hereby requests that the initial special temporary authorization (“STA”) for radio station KQIZ-FM, Amarillo, Texas (Facility ID 41567) (File No. BSTA-20130805ADG, as extended, *inter alia*, by File No. BESTA-20160216AAO), be extended for an additional 180 days.

Station KQIZ-FM is licensed to operate on Channel 226 with 100 kW effective radiated power at 213 meters height above average terrain. As CLL has previously informed the Commission, station KQIZ-FM has been operating with a 35-year-old McMartin BF-25k transmitter. That transmitter failed and no longer is capable of operating at full power. As a result, CLL has been operating KQIZ-FM at approximately 30% of its licensed power while it attempted to find replacement parts for the transmitter. Its efforts have been significantly hampered due to the fact that the transmitter manufacturer is no longer in business. Despite numerous efforts by CLL’s local and regional engineers, they have been unable to locate the parts necessary to repair the transmitter.

Nevertheless, KQIZ-FM is in the process of securing approval for the moving expenses associated with obtaining a replacement transmitter from another CLL market. Upon obtaining such approval, the replacement transmitter will be shipped to Amarillo, installed, and its frequency will be changed to permit the replacement transmitter to operate in connection with KQIZ-FM.

For the reasons stated herein, CLL respectfully requests a further extension of the existing STA for a period of 180 days pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the Commission’s rules to continue to operate KQIZ-FM at reduced power. The requested extension will serve the public interest because it will enable the station to continue to serve the residents of Amarillo and the immediate surrounding area until CLL can return the station to full licensed power.