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Re: Pacifica Foundation, Inc.
KPFT(FM), Houston, Texas
Facility Identification Number 51244
Special Temporary Authority
BESTA-20121204AAU

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed December 4, 2012, on behalf of Pacifica Foundation, Inc. ("PFI"). PFI requests a second extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on April 17, 2012, to operate Station KPFT(FM) with reduced power.¹

In support of the request, PFI restates that it found melted metal in the Station KPFT(FM) transmitter and concluded that the system was in danger of imminent failure. PFI indicates that ongoing tower work has prevented operation with more than about 10% of authorized power, but that around December 15, it expects to resume operations at about 80% of authorized power.

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.

¹ Station KPFT(FM) is licensed (File No. BLED-20070209ABQ) for operation on Channel 211C1 (90.1 MHz) with effective radiated power of 100 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 205 meters.

Our review indicates that the licensee has made progress toward restoration of licensed operation, but additional time is required for completing the work. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KPFT may continue to operate with reduced power. PFI must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. PFI 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 12, 2013**.

Sincerely,

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

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cc: Pacifica Foundation, Inc.