



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

January 3, 2022

Salem Communications Holding Corporation  
4880 Santa Rosa Road  
Camarillo, CA 93012

Re: Salem Communications  
Holding Corporation  
KTIE(AM), San Bernardino, CA  
Fac. ID No.:58808  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant

This is in reference to the request filed December 22, 2021, on behalf of Salem Communications Holding Corporation ("Salem"). Salem requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KTIE(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, Salem states that Hi-Favor Broadcasting, LLC has been granted a construction permit to relocate the KEZY(AM) transmission facilities to the KTIE(AM) transmitter site. The station will diplex onto the center tower of the KTIE(AM) three-tower array. Hi-Favor Broadcasting, LLC is preparing to implement the KEZY(AM) construction permit which will require equipment to be installed and adjusted at the base of all three of the KTIE(AM) towers. In order to facilitate the implementation and to protect workers during the installation and adjustment of the required diplexing equipment, it will be necessary to operate KTIE(AM) non-directionally or at reduced power. Furthermore, Salem expects that installation of the diplexing filters will result in KTIE(AM) operating at variance with its license parameters until such time that all construction and adjustments are completed and the KTIE(AM) directional operations can be restored to a licensed condition. Therefore, KTIE(AM) requests an STA to operate non-directionally during daytime and nighttime hours at a power no greater than 25% of licensed power. In addition, the station is also requesting the options to operate directionally during daytime and nighttime with parameters at variance and directionally at reduced power during daytime and nighttime hours, as necessary.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KTIE(AM) may operate non-directionally with a daytime power not to exceed 0.625 kilowatt and a nighttime power not to

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<sup>1</sup> KTIE(AM) is licensed for operation on 590 kHz with a daytime power of 2.5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.96 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

exceed 0.24 kilowatt. In addition, the station may operate directionally during daytime and nighttime with parameters at variance and directionally at reduced power during daytime and nighttime hours, as necessary while maintaining monitor points within license limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. The licensee 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 **July 2, 2022**.

**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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail.

Jerome J. Manarchuck  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Kathleen Kirby, Esq. (via email only)