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Sorensen Pacific Broadcasting, Inc.  
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Re: Sorensen Pacific Broadcasting, Inc.  
KGUM(AM), Agana, Guam  
Facility Identification Number: 60853  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed February 23, 2016, on behalf of Sorensen Pacific Broadcasting, Inc. ("SPB"). SPB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, SPB states that KGUM(AM)'s tower was knocked down in a storm. Therefore, KGUM(AM) requests STA to operate employing a long wire antenna.

Specifically, KGUM(AM) proposes to employ a 400 foot long wire antenna and operate with a reduced power of 5 kilowatts.<sup>2</sup> SPB requests the STA for 6 months in order to operate with the long wire antenna until the new tower is delivered, constructed and operational.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provide for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued used of an emergency antenna is filled with the Commission within 24 hours. The request is to include a description of the damage to the authorized antenna, a description of the emergency antenna, and the station operating power with the emergency antenna.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KGUM(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Coordinates:	13° 23' 21" NL, 144° 45' 34" EL (NAD 1927)
Frequency:	567 kHz
Operating hours:	Unlimited

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<sup>1</sup> KGUM(AM) is licensed for operation on 567 kHz with an unlimited hours power of 10 kilowatts, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND1-U).

<sup>2</sup> LBD states that the long wire stretches from a tuning box up to a 20 foot high wooden pole. From there the wire goes to an 80 foot high pole and from there the wire stretches up the hillside to a tree. LBD approximates the total length of the wire to be 400 feet.

Operating power: 5 kilowatts  
Antenna: 400 feet of #4 copper stranded copper wire

It will be necessary to further reduce or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. LBD 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 **August 31, 2016**.

**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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