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Washington, DC 20037

Re: K229BU (FX), Missoula, MT
Educational Media Foundation
Facility Identification Number: 57331
Special Temporary Authority
BSTA-20130927ACJ

Dear Ms. O'Connor:

This is in reference to the request filed September 27, 2013, on behalf of Educational Media Foundation ("EMF"). EMF explains that it recently discovered that a two bay antenna had been erroneously installed for K229BU in place of the one bay antenna specified on the station's license. EMF requests authority to continue operating with the two bay antenna, at the ERP and antenna heights licensed in license BLFT-20110215AAH. Once the changed facilities specified in construction permit application BPFT-20130925AHR are approved and implemented, the STA facilities will no longer be needed.

The request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, subject to the requirement that EMF first reduce the station's transmitter power output to compensate for the increased antenna gain of the two bay antenna. The new value for the transmitter output power must be included in the subsequent request for extension of this STA, should that become necessary. EMF must notify the Commission when operations pursuant to the STA cease. EMF must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **April 19, 2014**.

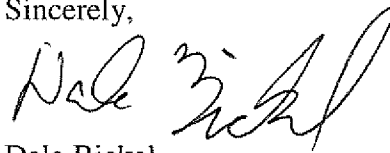
STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice 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, appearing to read "Dale Bickel", written in a cursive style.

Dale Bickel
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cc: Educational Media Foundation