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Re: Salem Media of Hawaii, Inc.
KKOL-FM, Aiea, Hawaii
Facility Identification Number: 70384
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed August 9, 2012, on behalf of Salem Media of Hawaii, Inc. ("SMH"). SMH requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KKOL-FM with temporary facilities.¹ In support of the request, SMH states that it plans to replace the licensed master antenna. In order to remain on the air during the antenna replacement work, SMH requests STA for operation with the upper half of the licensed antenna, with reduced power and slightly increased antenna height, in order that the lower half can be removed and installed on an adjacent tower as an auxiliary antenna, under separate authorization.

Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation is unlikely to result in interference to any other station, and that it is necessary to facilitate the planned antenna replacement.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KKOL-FM may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	21° 23' 51" N, 158° 06' 01" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	300 (107.9 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	50 kW (H), 40 kW (V) (Max-DA)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	52 meters
above mean sea level:	753 meters
above average terrain:	610 meters

SMH must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. SMH must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation

¹ KKOL-FM is licensed for operation on Channel 300C (107.9 MHz) with effective radiated power of 100 kW (H), 80 kW(V), (Max-DA) and antenna height above average terrain of 599 meters.

in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **February 10, 2013**.

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 "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Salem Media of Hawaii, Inc.