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Re: KWGF(FM), Vaughn, Montana
Facility Identification Number: 164134
Starradio Corp.
Special Temporary Authorization
BESTA-20130115ACQ

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed January 15, 2013, on behalf of Starradio Corp. ("Starradio"). Starradio requests and extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted July 16, 2012 to operate Station KWGF with reduced power or temporary facilities while repairs to its authorized facilities continue.¹ Starradio's extension request indicates that the needed parts have been received but that winter weather has precluded their installation.

Our review indicates that the requested STA extension complies with the Commission's rules and with our STA policies, and that interference to other stations is unlikely to occur. Therefore, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KWGF may continue to operate from its licensed site with reduced power. Operation also is authorized, as necessary to facilitate repairs to the licensed antenna, with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	47° 32' 23" N, 111° 17' 06" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	274 (102.7 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.36 kilowatt (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	119 meters
above mean sea level:	1196 meters
above average terrain:	134 meters

¹ KWGF is licensed for operation on Channel 269C1 (101.7 MHz) with effective radiated power of 100 kW (H), 66.7 kW (V), (Maximum including Beam Tilt) and antenna height above average terrain of 273 meters. KWGF shares its antenna with commonly-owned Station KINX.

Starradio must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. Starradio 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 23, 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,



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cc: Staradio Corp.