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Re: KWYX (FM), Casper, WY
Cochise Broadcasting, LLC
Facility Identification Number: 166051
Special Temporary Authority
BESTA-20140515ADB

KCYA (FM), Rolling Hills, WY
Cochise Media Licenses, LLC
Facility Identification Number: 166055
Special Temporary Authority
BSTA-20140515ADD

KGRK (FM), Glenrock, WY
Cochise Broadcasting, LLC
Facility Identification Number: 88725
Special Temporary Authority
BSTA-20140515ADC

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the requests filed May 15, 2014, for Cochise Broadcasting, LLC and Cochise Media Partners, LLC ("collectively Cochise"). Cochise requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate these three collocated facilities at reduced power. Cochise states that building overheating problems occurred when all three stations are operated (presumably at full power). Winter weather has hampered access to the 8,000 foot AMSL site, but Cochise plans to resolve the issue when the site is more accessible. An STA extension is requested to allow reduced power operation by all three of these stations.

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.

The licensees' statements lead us to expect that the problem will be resolved in the next few months, and that only one extension of the STA will be needed before licensed operation is restored. Accordingly, the extensions of STA are GRANTED. Cochise must notify the Commission when licensed operation for each of these stations is restored. Cochise 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. We expect that Cochise shall maintain these STA operations for KWAYX, KCYA, and KGRK throughout the term of this STA, until licensed operation recommences.

This authority expires **November 16, 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.

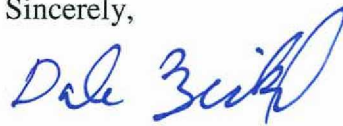
Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. 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,



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