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re: Special Temporary Authority request for broadcast station KEZM

Gentlebeings:

This is a request for an STA to operate from a temporary site due to the loss of a station's legacy site. The licensee of KEZM, Sulphur, LA, has lost their lease on their licensed transmitter site and has been served legal notice to vacate the property. Despite intensive efforts to obtain permission from the site's new owners to allow KEZM to remain on-air from the old site while locating and moving to a new site, the new owners were unwilling to extend KEZM any further time to operate from there. The licensee of KEZM retained this firm to prepare this request and to help construct a temporary site.

As of July 7th, 2011, KEZM ceased operations permanently at their licensed site, and has removed all of their transmitting equipment from there. Desiring to return to the air as soon as possible, station staff has located a suitable site for a temporary antenna, at the corner of Napoleon St and Vincent Lane in Sulphur, where there is an existing unused tower, 42.6 meters tall. If this STA request is granted, it is KEZM's intention to proceed immediately to add a skirt wire to this tower and to operate from there until such time as a new, permanent site can be located, applied for, and constructed.

The requested temporary antenna will, of course, be non-directional. Because KEZM normally operates with a directional antenna during both day and night hours, we request the usual emergency non-directional operating power of 25% of licensed DA power levels, for both day and night (i.e, 125W day/12.5W night). However, if the Commission's staff finds that a higher power level can be granted for either day or night operations and still meet the interference requirements for temporary sites, we request grant of such higher power. The grant of this request would be in the public interest, because KEZM is the only station, AM or FM, licensed to Sulphur, LA, a town of 20,000 people, and provides local news, sports and emergency information not readily available elsewhere. Furthermore, the licensee of KEZM assures the Commission that it will pursue the location of, application for, and construction of a new permanent site forthwith, a process which is expected to take less than 3 years

Here are the pertinent technical data for the new site:

Latitude/Longitude: N 30° 14' 11" / W 93° 20' 47"

Street Address: 200 Vincent Lane, Sulphur, LA

Antenna Description: Vertical radiator, consisting of a grounded self-support tower, 42.6 meters (67°) tall, driven by means of a skirt wire, which will be connected to an antenna tuning unit at the tower's base and shorted to the tower at an appropriate vertical point.

RFR Compliance: A fence will be erected around the tower and tuning unit, using the worst-case distance assumptions set forth in OET65 as amended (1 meter or more in all directions from any "hot" conductors). Appropriate RFR warning signs will be posted. Site is located in an empty lot next to a house in a suburban area of a small town. The licensee of KEZM is prepared to address any blanketing interference complaints that may occur due to its operation from this site.

Respectfully submitted,

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