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Re: Univision Radio Houston License Corporation
KLTN(FM), Houston, Texas
Facility Identification Number: 65310
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed August 13, 2008, on behalf of Univision Radio Houston License Corporation ("Univision"). Univision requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KLTN with reduced power.¹ In support of the request, Univision states that it is in the process of implementing modifications to the KLTN facilities authorized by Construction Permit BPH-20070914ACQ, that it has installed the new antenna; however, the new transmitter necessary to produce the authorized effective radiated power has not yet been delivered. Univision requests STA for operation with reduced power pending installation of the new transmitter.

Section 73.1615, which governs operation during modification of facilities, provides that licensees holding construction permits for modification of directional or nondirectional FM and TV or nondirectional AM facilities may discontinue operation, may operate with temporary facilities to maintain, as nearly as possible, but not exceed, the size of the currently licensed coverage area. Such operation may commence upon notification to the FCC, and may continue for a period not exceeding 30 days. Should it be necessary to continue such operation beyond 30 days, a request for STA must be filed prior to the 30th day. Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with Section 73.1615.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KLTN may continue to operate with reduced power. Univision must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. Univision 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.

¹ KLTN is licensed for operation on Channel 275C0 (102.9 MHz) with effective radiated power of 100 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 300 meters. Construction Permit BPH-20070914ACQ corrects the geographic coordinates of the site and authorizes installation of a new master antenna with a 1-meter increase in antenna height above ground.

See 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **February 14, 2009**.

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: Univision Radio Houston License Corporation