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Re: University of Southern California
KQSC(FX), Santa Barbara, CA
Facility Identification Number: 69085
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to the request filed November 21, 2008, on behalf of University of Southern California ("USC"). USC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate FM Station KQSC with temporary facilities.[1]

In support of the request, USC states that the transmission line was damaged by area fires. USC seeks STA in order to restore service to the community while it finalizes plans for a new, permanent operation.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provides for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filed with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(2) provides that FM and TV stations may erect any suitable radiator, or use operable sections of the authorized antenna(s) as an emergency antenna.

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

Geographic coordinates:	34° 27′ 56″ N, 119° 40′ 38″ W (NAD 1927)
Channel	204 (97.7 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	1.95 kilowatt (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	9 meters
above mean sea level:	643 meters
Above average terrain:	255 meters

[1] KQSC is licensed for operation on Channel 204B (97.7 MHz) with effective radiated power of 12 kilowatt (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 264 meters.

PEF 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 **May 25, 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,

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cc: Lawrence Bernstein