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Re: KGA (AM), Spokane, Washington
Facility Identification Number: 11234
Mapleton License of Spokane, LLC
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed January 26, 2010, on behalf of Mapleton License of Spokane, LLC ("Mapleton"). Mapleton requests modification of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on September 1, 2009, to operate Station KGA pursuant to Section 73.1615. In support of the request, Mapleton states that it is in the process of constructing modified KGA nighttime facilities as authorized by Construction Permit BP-20070905AAK.¹ Mapleton requests modification of the provision of the previous STA for operation during nighttime hours with a nondirectional antenna and reduced power.

In support of the request, Mapleton states that the nighttime STA operation with a nondirectional antenna resulted in interference to cochannel Station KCKK, Littleton, Colorado. Mapleton requests modification of the STA to specify operation during nighttime hours with the currently licensed daytime directional pattern and reduced power of 12.5 kilowatts.

Our review indicates that the requested operation is less likely to cause interference to other stations than the nondirectional nighttime operation previously authorized.²

Accordingly, the request for modification of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KGA may

¹ Station KGA is licensed for operation on 1510 kHz with 50 kW, unlimited hours, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U). Construction Permit BP-20070905AAK authorizes a reduction in nighttime power to 15 kW, and modifications to the nighttime directional pattern.

² Contrary to the representation in the instant request, the prior STA did not authorize continuous operation with a nondirectional antenna and, in fact, contained an advisory that such operation was likely to cause interference. The nondirectional nighttime operation was authorized on an "only as necessary" basis; the preferred mode of nighttime operation was, and remains, operation with the substantially adjusted nighttime directional pattern authorized by the permit. Nothing in the special operating conditions of Construction Permit BP-20070905AAM precludes such operation, and it is less likely to result in complaints of interference than the operation with the daytime pattern which is authorized herein on an "only as necessary" basis.

operate pursuant to Section 73.1615 and the terms and conditions of Construction Permit BP-20070905AAK. In particular, the following modes of operation are authorized:

1. During daytime hours, with a nondirectional antenna and power not to exceed 12.5 kilowatts, only as necessary to facilitate the construction work and for nondirectional proof of performance measurements.³
2. During daytime hours, with the substantially adjusted daytime or nighttime directional antenna system and power authorized by the permit, only as necessary for final adjustment and proof of performance measurements.
3. During nighttime hours, with **the licensed daytime directional pattern** and reduced power not to exceed 12.5 kilowatts, only as necessary to facilitate the construction work.
4. During nighttime hours, with the substantially adjusted nighttime directional antenna system authorized by the permit and nominal power not to exceed 15 kilowatts.

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Mapleton 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. Operation pursuant to this authority shall not commence until sufficient diplexing equipment has been installed and properly adjusted to reduce all spurious emissions resulting from shared use of the antenna system by Stations KGA and KJRB below the levels specified in 47 CFR Section 73.44(b).

This authority expires on **July 27, 2010**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue 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: Mapleton License of Spokane, LLC

³ If final adjustment and proof of performance will be performed via Method of Moments analysis, nondirectional proof of performance measurements are not necessary.