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Re: Pilgrim Communications, Inc.
KVLE (AM), Vail, Colorado
Facility Identification Number: 16272
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed April 29, 2010, on behalf of Pilgrim Communications, Inc. ("PCI"). PCI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KVLE with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.[1] In support of the request, PCI states that replacement of the licensed tower has been delayed by illness of the licensee's regional manager.

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)(1) provides that AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna in lieu of authorized directional facilities shall operate with power reduced to 25 percent or less of the nominal licensed power, or a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth.

Our review indicates that the request complies with Section 73.1680. We note that the requested STA facilities are the same as were previously authorized by STA granted on September 16, 2009 and which expired on March 16, 2010.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KVLE may continue to operate with an emergency wire antenna and reduced power. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. PCI must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.[2] PCI must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the

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[1] KVLE is licensed for operation on 610 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 0.217 kilowatt nighttime, employing a nondirectional antenna (ND-1-U).

[2] *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).

Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310. The authority granted herein does not cover the period between March 16, 2010, and the date of this letter, and is without prejudice as to whatever action the Commission may take with regard to operation of Station KVLE during the foregoing period.

This authority expires on **October 30, 2010**.

Sincerely,

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cc: Pilgrim Communications, Inc.