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Re: KMON(AM), Great Falls, Montana
Facility Identification Number: 62330
CCR-Great Falls IV, LLC
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed August 19, 2010, on behalf of CCR-Great Falls IV, LLC ("CCR"). CCR requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KMON during nighttime hours with its substantially adjusted nighttime directional pattern.[1] In support of the request, CCR states that it is preparing to convert the KMON license to a Method of Moments ("MOM") proof of performance.

Our review indicates that, due to the derivation of new operating parameters via MOM analysis, neither the currently licensed antenna monitor readings nor the licensed monitor point field strength limits will necessarily be applicable to the proposed STA operation. STA will be granted as requested.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KMON may operate during nighttime hours with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Following completion of necessary measurements and readjustment of the directional pattern, operation is authorized during nighttime hours[2] with the substantially adjusted nighttime directional antenna systems pending the filing and processing of an application for modification of license supported by a MOM proof of performance pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 73.151(c). Operating parameters shall be maintained as specified in the request[3].

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[1] KMON is licensed for operation on 560 kHz with 5 kilowatts, unlimited hours, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DA-N-U).

[2] STA is not necessary for operation with the substantially adjusted nighttime pattern during daytime hours for the purpose of taking reference measurements, which are deemed to be "proof of performance measurements" per Section 73.157.

[3] Operating parameters shall be maintained within ± 5% current ratios and ± 3° phase of the MOM-derived operating parameters, which shall be posted with the station license along with a copy of this letter.

It will be necessary to reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CCR 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 **February 23, 2011**.

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: CCR-Great Falls IV, LLC