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Re: KPXQ (AM), Glendale, Arizona
Facility Identification Number: 55912
Common Ground Broadcasting, Inc.
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed July 29, 2011, on behalf of Common Ground Broadcasting, Inc. ("CGB"). CGB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KPXQ with its substantially adjusted nighttime directional antenna system.[1] In support of the request, CGB states that it plans to re-license Station KPXQ under a Method of Moments ("MOM") proof of performance pursuant to Section 73.151(c).

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.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KPXQ operate during nighttime hours with its substantially adjusted nighttime directional antenna pattern 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). During this mode of operation, operating parameters shall be maintained within ± 5% current ratios and ± 3° phase of the MOM derived parameters, which must 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. CGB must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.[2] CGB 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 1, 2012**.

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[1] KPXQ is licensed for operation on 1360 kHz with 50 kilowatts daytime and 1 kilowatt nighttime, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DA-N-U).

[2] *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b).

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: Common Ground Broadcasting, Inc.