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Re: Tichenor License Corporation  
KAMA(AM), El Paso, TX  
Facility Identification Number: 36948  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed March 26, 2013, on behalf of Tichenor License Corporation ("TLC"). TLC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KAMA(AM) at night with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, TLC states that on March 13, 2013 one of the nighttime only towers was knocked down by a construction crew. Thus, TLC requests STA to operating non-directionally with a power of 250 watts during nighttime hours, which is 25% of the station's authorized nighttime power.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provide for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued used of an emergency antenna is filled 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 license 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.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KAMA(AM) may operate with a temporary nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 250 watts nighttime. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. TLC must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> TLC 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.

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<sup>1</sup> KAMA(AM) is licensed for operation on 750 kHz with a daytime power of 10 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing different directional antennna patterns during daytime and nighttime hours (DA-2-U).

<sup>2</sup> *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).

This authority expires on **October 8, 2013**.

**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: Tichenor License Corporation