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

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed January 5, 2018, on behalf of Mapleton License of Spokane, LLC ("Mapleton"). Mapleton requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KGA(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹ Specifically, Mapleton proposes to operate during daytime hours with its nighttime antenna pattern.

In support of its request Mapleton states that on October 2, 2014, KGA(AM) was granted Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to operate at reduced power and with parameters at variance with licensed values due to damage to KGA(AM)'s antenna system. Since that time, engineers have been unable to identify any failed parts in the KGA(AM) antenna system. Mapleton has therefore decided to modify KGA(AM) to allow non-directional daytime operation, and modify the nighttime directional antenna pattern. All currently installed phasing, diplexing and antenna matching equipment will be replaced. However, in order to allow time to prepare and file the required FCC Form 301, Mapleton respectfully requests STA for a period of 180 days, to allow daytime operation using the licensed nighttime directional antenna.

¹ KGA(AM) is licensed for operation on 1510 kHz with a daytime power of 50 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 15 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED and BESTA-20171026AAJ IS SUPERSEDED. Station KGA(AM) may operate daytime with its licensed nighttime pattern but the **power must be reduced to 14 kilowatts** and the station must maintain monitoring points within licensed limits. No changes are proposed to the nighttime operation. 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.

This authority expires on **July 11, 2018**.

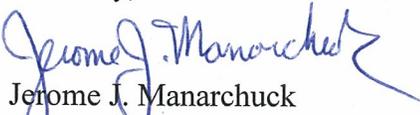
STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice 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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