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KONA Coast Radio, LLC
87 Jasper Lake Road
Loveland, CO 80537

Re: KONA Coast Radio, LLC
KNIT(AM), Salt Lake City, UT
Facility Identification Number: 53500
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed February 22, 2019, on behalf of KONA Coast Radio, LLC ("KCR"). KCR requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KNIT(AM) from an alternate site location from an existing tower.¹

In support of the request, KCR states that the previous owner sold the land and license tower site for KNIT(AM) to a land developer and the site has been demolished. KNIT(AM) is currently authorized by BESTA-20181219ABL to operate with a long-wire antenna from the KRRF(AM) licensed site at a power level of 0.09 kilowatt. The station is requesting operation from the recently replaced KRRF(AM) tower, instead of using a long-wire antenna. It is requesting an increase in the STA power from 0.09 kilowatt to 0.5 kilowatt.

Specifically, KNIT(AM) proposes to operate from the KRRF(AM) which is located 2.8 kilometers from its currently licensed site. Station KRRF(AM) is currently silent. KNIT(AM) requests operation from the 167 foot (50.9 meter) tower with an unlimited hours power of 0.5 kilowatt.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area² without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED and BESTA-20181219ABL is SUPERSEDED.

¹ KNIT(AM) is licensed for operation on 1320 kHz with an unlimited hours power of 5 kilowatts, employing a directional antenna pattern (DA1-U).

² For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

Station KNIT(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	40° 39' 57" N, 111° 54' 26" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1320 kHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	0.5 kilowatt
Antenna type	Existing 167 foot (50.9 meter) tower
Antenna efficiency	299.3 mV/m per kW at 1 km

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KNIT(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KNIT(AM) 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 31, 2019**.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
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cc: Vic Michael (via email only)