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Re: Horizon Christian Fellowship
K296FI(FX), Pierre, South Dakota
Facility Identification Number: 149245
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed March 18, 2011, on behalf of Horizon Christian Fellowship ("HCF"). HCF requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate FM Translator Station K296FI with temporary facilities.[1] In support of the request, HCF states that the licensed site has been lost, that the station has been silent since March 23, 2010, and that it faces the loss of its license if it does not resume broadcasting on or before March 23, 2011. HCF further states that it has filed an application for construction permit, but that the application will not be granted in time to preserve the license. HCF proposes operation of Station K296FI from the site proposed in its application, with reduced power.

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[2] to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area[3] without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA. Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with the foregoing criteria.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station K296FI may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	44° 22′ 43″ N, 100° 18′ 39″ W (NAD 1927)
Channel	296 (107.1 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.001 kilowatt (V only)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	6 meters
above mean sea level:	536 meters
above average terrain:	31 meters

[1] K296FI is licensed for operation on Channel 296D (107.1 MHz) with effective radiated power of 0.14 kilowatt (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 106 meters.

[2] For AM - 5 mV/m; for commercial FM - 3.16 mV/m; for noncommercial educational FM - 1.0 mV/m.

[3] For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

HCF must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. HCF 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 **September 18, 2011**.

Notwithstanding the grant of this STA or the expiration date specified herein, the station's license will expire as a matter of law upon twelve consecutive months of silence. *See* Pub. Law No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, Section 403(1) (1996) and *Order, Silent Station Authorizations*, FCC 96-218 (released May 17, 1996). *See also Public Notice*, Expedited Processing of Applications Filed by Silent Stations, DA 96-818 (May 22, 1996). The licensee must notify the Audio Division immediately upon resumption of broadcasting.

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: Horizon Christian Fellowship