



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

December 21, 2021

IHM Licenses, LLC
7136 S. Yale Ave.
Suite 501
Tulsa, OK 74136

Re: IHM Licenses, LLC
KBME(AM), Houston, TX
Fac. ID No.: 23082
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed December 15, 2021, on behalf of IHM Licenses, LLC ("IHM"). IHM requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KBME(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹

In support of the request, IHM states that KBME(AM) has elected to file a new method of moments computer model proof of performance, for both its daytime and nighttime directional antenna patterns. The application is in association with the co-location of station KXYZ(AM) and KPRC(AM) at the KBME(AM) site. Thus, the station requests STA to operate with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while the method of moments license application is prepared and the co-located facilities are constructed.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KBME(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. IHM 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 **June 19, 2022**.

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

¹ KBME(AM) is licensed for operation on 790 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

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, looping initial "J".

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Troy G. Langham (via email only)