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VIA e-mail: audiofilings@fcc.gov

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Alpha Media Licensee LLC FRN: 0022491476
Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority
KUFO(AM), Portland, OR (Facility ID 26926)**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Alpha Media Licensee LLC, licensee of KUFO(AM), Portland, OR, this is to request a further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA"), BSTA-20090122ABJ, granted on January 23, 2009, to continue operating with parameters at variance to allow time to file the required FCC Form 302. See attached Applicant Statement for additional information.

The licensee has authorized undersigned counsel to certify on its behalf that the licensee is not subject to denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing or the attached, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory L. Masters". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gregory L. Masters

Attachment

**KUFO(AM), Portland, OR
Facility ID 26926
Request for Extension of STA**

APPLICANT STATEMENT

KUFO is licensed to operate with 5 kW day (ND) and 5 kW night (D), using a 2-tower array at night. As the Commission is well aware, the station has experienced a litany of technical problems for many years. When Applicant acquired the station in late 2009, KUFO was already under STA following failure of an insulated guy wire on an adjacent tower. The STA authorizes operation with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. The current STA extension period will expire February 3, 2022.

Since 2009, the station has addressed numerous technical failures and malfunctions, and faced repeated impacts on its operations which have not been of its own making or within its control (signified by an asterisk (*)), including the following:

- Replacement of failed insulated guy wire on adjacent tall tower (*)
- Repair of insulators on the adjacent tower (*)
- Repair of detuning skirts related to the adjacent tower
- Correction of recurring weather-related instability
- Correction of under-drive problems with the KUFO transmitter
- Deconstruction and removal of two immediately-adjacent tall towers (*)
- Malfunction of detuning skirts on a remaining adjacent tower (*)
- Replacement of broken insulators on the KUFO tower

- Transmission line burn-out of collocated 4-station combined TV antenna (*)
 - Replacement of feedline (*)
 - Tower retentioning (*)
- Pattern distortion due to touching guy wires (*)

From the time it acquired the station in 2009, Applicant has consistently and diligently sought to return KUFO to licensed status. As shown above, numerous factors, the majority of them beyond Applicant's control, have prevented it from doing so, despite considerable effort and expense. Work for the TV repack affecting collocated TV stations KOIN, KATU, and KRCW-TV is continuing. The tall tower detuning system is being repaired again after damage from winter storms. Applicant continues to work with Sylvan Tower to get the detuning system operational and adjusted so that KUFO can complete the array adjustments. Applicant respectfully requests a further extension of its STA to operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.