



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

January 31, 2022

FM Media Ventures LLC  
6161 Savoy Drive  
Houston, TX 77036

Re: FM Media Ventures LLC  
KGOL(AM), Humble, TX  
Fac. ID No.: 34473  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed January 24, 2022 on behalf of FM Media Ventures LLC ("FMV"). FMV requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KGOL(AM) from an alternate site location. In support of the request FMV states that the previous licensee of KGOL(AM) was forced to liquidate assets. The land on which the KGOL(AM) towers were located was sold. FMV, the current licensee, purchased the KGOL(AM) license without broadcast facilities, as the licensed site is currently being redeveloped into a commercial shipping center and is no longer available for purchase or use as a broadcast facility. Therefore, in order to get the station back on the air as soon as possible, an STA is requested to operate from an alternate site location.<sup>1</sup>

Specifically, KGOL(AM) proposes STA operation from a site located 22.3 miles (35.8 kilometers) from its currently licensed site. Daytime only operation is proposed with a 241 foot long-wire antenna vertically mounted on an existing self-supported tower. A reduced daytime power of 100 watts is proposed for the operation.

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 area<sup>2</sup> 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. Station KGOL(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates                      29° 49' 33" N, 95° 22' 37" W (NAD 1927)

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<sup>1</sup> KGOL(AM) is licensed for operation on 1180 kHz with a daytime power of 50 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 3 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

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

Frequency	1180 kHz
Hours of operation	Daytime
Operating power	100 watts (Daytime)
Antenna type	241 feet of #6 wire vertically mounted on an existing tower
Overall height above ground level	75.9 meters (249 feet)

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KGOL(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KGOL(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 30, 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 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 dark ink, reading "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerome" and last name "Manarchuck" clearly legible.

Jerome J. Manarchuck  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Dan J. Alpert, Esq. (via email only)