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RE: Engineering STA Request for KABX-FM, Merced, CA, Facility ID 41173

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To whom it may concern:

SMG-Merced, LLC, licensee of KABX, Merced CA, facility 41173, requests Special Temporary Authorization to operate at a reduced power of 5.8 KW ERP.

Two power modules in the aging Armstrong transmitter are not capable of making the full 8.8 KW ERP. These modules are no longer supported by Armstrong, neither by parts or service. SMG-Merced LLC is exploring replacing the transmitter with a new model.

Should you require further information, please contact me via any method below.

Sincerely,

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