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Extension of Existing Engineering STA		FOR COMMISSION USE ONLY FILE NO.
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Section I - General Information

1.	Legal Name of the Applicant Cultural Energy		
	Mailing Address 112 Civic Plaza Drive		
	City Taos	State or Country (if foreign address) NM	Zip Code 87571-
	Telephone Number (include area code) (575) 758-9791		E-Mail Address (if available) Energy@CulturalEnergy.org
	FCC Registration No 0017027764	Call Sign KCEI	Facility ID Number 82299
2.	Contact Representative (if other than licensee/permittee) Matthew H. McCormick		Firm or Company Name FLETCHER, HEALD HILDRETH, P.L.C.
	Mailing Address 1300 NORTH 17TH STREET 11TH FLOOR		
	City ARLINGTON	State or Country (if foreign address) VA	ZIP Code 22209 -
	Telephone Number (include area code) (703) 812-0400		E-Mail Address (if available) McCormick@FHHLaw.com
3.	Purpose:		
	<input type="radio"/> Engineering STA		
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Extension of Existing Engineering STA File Number: BSTA -20160908AAK		
	<input type="radio"/> Legal STA		
	<input type="radio"/> Extension of Existing Legal STA		
4.	Service: FM		
5.	Community of License: City:: Red River State:: NM		
6.	If this application has been submitted without a fee, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114): <input type="radio"/> Governmental Entity <input checked="" type="radio"/> Noncommercial Educational Licensee/Permittee <input type="radio"/> Other <input type="radio"/> N/A (Fee Required)		
7.	<p>Environmental Protection Act. The proposed facility is excluded from environmental processing under 47. C.F.R. Section 1.1306 (i.e., The facility will not have a significant environmental impact and complies with the maximum permissible radiofrequency electromagnetic exposure limits for controlled and uncontrolled environments). Unless the applicant can determine compliance through the use of the RF worksheets in Appendix A, an Exhibit is required.</p> <p>By checking "Yes" above, the applicant also certifies that it, in coordination with other users of the site, will reduce power or cease operation as necessary to protect persons having access to the site, tower or antenna from radiofrequency electromagnetic exposure in excess of FCC guidelines.</p>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No See Explanation in Exhibit 23	

8.	Please explain in detail the "extraordinary circumstances" which warrant temporary operations at variance from the Commission's Rules. In addition, please specify 1) the specific rules and/or policies from which the applicant seeks temporary relief 2) how the public interest will be furthered by grant and 3) the expected duration of the STA and the licensee's plan for restoration of licensed operation. If requesting variance with other than authorized technical facilities, please specify the exact facilities sought.	Exhibit 24
9.	Anti-Drug Abuse Act Certification. Applicant certifies that neither applicant nor any party to the application is subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

I hereby certify that the statements in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge that all certifications and attached Exhibits are considered material representations.

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Robin Collier	Typed or Printed Title of Person Signing President
Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 03/28/2022

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001), AND/OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION LICENSE OR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 47, SECTION 312(a)(1)), AND/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. CODE, TITLE 47, SECTION 503).

Exhibit 24

Description: Cultural Energy ("CE") hereby requests further extension of its STA to operate KCEI with a reduced Effective Radiated Power ("ERP") of 1 KW using the directional antenna specified in KCEI's license.

CE remains prepared to operate KCEI at full-power but is forced to continue to operating at reduced power due to the power limitation placed by the United States Forest Service ("Forest Service") with respect to the KCEI tower site, which is located within the Carson National Forest in New Mexico. The Forest Service believes that operation of KCEI at full power might interfere with low power radio communication facilities in the area. CE continues to seek reconsideration of the limit based on its finding that no interference would be caused by full-power operations, but communication with the Forest Service has been difficult while many of Forest Service's offices remain closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

At half-power, KCEI still reaches more than 65,000 listeners -- albeit, with less than a 60 dbu signal. By operating at 1 KW, however, KCEI is unable to comply with section 73.515 of the Commission's rules, which requires that an NCE station cover at least 50% of its community of license or reach 50% of the population with a minimum field strength of 60 dbu. KCEI has been broadcasting in mono for more than two years now, which effectively doubles the strength of its signal, although this also does not satisfy Section 73.515. Due to the limited options for alternative tower sites in rural northern New Mexico and CE's limited financial capabilities, CE must continue to operate KCEI from its current tower site in accordance with the Forest Service's power restriction or cease operations altogether.

On July 14, 2017, CE filed an application to reduce KCEI's power permanently to 1 KW to comply with the Forest Service's power restrictions (see File No. BPED-20170714AAV). The application included a request for waiver of section 73.515 but was dismissed on July 18, 2018, due to non-compliance with the FCC's NCE community coverage rule.

CE plans to file a new application requesting the same. CE anticipates that the application will include a request to change the station's community of license to Arroyo Hondo, New Mexico, thereby enabling the station to comply with the community coverage rule. Because KCEI is the only station licensed to the community of Red River, this change would require a waiver of the Commission's policy barring removal of the only station licensed to particular community.

Accordingly, CE requests an extension of its STA so that it may continue serving its listeners while it seeks permanent authority to operate in accordance with both the Forest Service's power restriction and the FCC's NCE community coverage rule.