



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

March 30, 2022

Salem Communications Holding Corporation  
4880 Santa Rosa Road  
Camarillo, CA 93012

Re: Salem Communications  
Holding Corporation  
KPXQ(AM), Glendale, AZ  
Fac. ID No.:55912  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant

This is in reference to the request filed March 18, 2022, on behalf of Salem Communications Holding Corporation ("Salem"). Salem requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KPXQ(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, Salem states that it has been granted a construction permit to relocate the KXXT(AM) transmission facilities to the KPXQ(AM) transmitter site. The station will duplex onto the existing three tower array. During the construction of the KXXT(AM) facilities, it may be necessary at times to operate KPXQ(AM) non-directionally at reduced power during daytime and/or nighttime hours or with its nighttime directional parameters at variance. Therefore, KPXQ(AM) requests an STA to operate at reduced power during daytime hours, non-directionally during nighttime hours at a power level no more than 25% of the authorized nighttime power, or with nighttime parameters at variance during the construction of the KXXT(AM) facilities. Salem also states that following the construction of the KXXT(AM) facilities, the KPXQ(AM) operation will be restored and the nighttime pattern verified using the method of moment modeling and internal array parameters. Salem also requests that the STA allow for the continued operation of the KPXQ(AM) nighttime directional operation with the new computer derived parameters during the preparation and Commission processing of the Application for Direct Measurement of Power.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KPXQ(AM) may operate non-directionally at reduced power during daytime and nighttime hours or with its nighttime directional parameters at variance. The nighttime non-directional power must not exceed 12.5 kilowatts. In addition, KPXQ(AM) may also operate with the new computer derived parameters during the preparation and Commission processing of the Application for Direct Measurement of

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<sup>1</sup> KPXQ(AM) is licensed for operation on 1360 kHz with a daytime power of 50 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

Power. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. The licensee 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 **September 26, 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: Kathleen A. Kirby, Esq. (via email only)