

Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

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ABC Radio Los Angeles Assets, LLC 77 West 66<sup>th</sup> St., 16<sup>th</sup> Floor New York, NY 10023

> Re: ABC Radio Los Angeles Assets, LLC KRDC(AM), Pasadena, CA Fac. ID No.:25076 Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant

This is in reference to the request filed June 17, 2022, on behalf of ABC Radio Los Angeles Assets, LL ("ABC"). ABC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KRDC(AM) with temporary non-directional facilities or with parameters at variance as needed.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, ABC states that Good Karma Broadcasting, L.L.C. has been granted a construction permit to relocate the KSPN(AM) transmission facilities to the KRDC(AM) transmitter site. Good Karma is preparing to implement the KSPN(AM) construction permit which will require equipment to be installed and adjusted at the base of all five of the KRDC(AM) towers. Therefore, in order to facilitate the implementation of the KSPN(AM) construction permit and to protect workers during the installation and adjustment of the required duplexing equipment, it will be necessary to operate KRDC(AM) non-directionally at reduced power, and or directionally with parameters at variance.

Specifically, KRDC(AM) is requesting non-directional operation during daytime and nighttime hours from its licensed site. Non-directional operation is requested at a power not to exceed 12.5 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime. In addition, the station is also requesting operation with parameters at variance during daytime and nighttime hours and directionally at reduced power during daytime and nighttime hours, as necessary.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provide for operation with emergency antenna facilities. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(1) states that AM stations may use a horizontal or vertical wire or a nondirectional vertical element of a directional antenna as an emergency antenna. AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna or a horizontal or vertical wire pursuant to this section, in lieu of authorized directional facilities, shall operate with power reduced to 25% or less of the nominal licensed power, or, a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth for the corresponding hours of directional operation.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KRDC(AM) may operate non-directionally during daytime and nighttime hours from one of the elements in its array with a daytime power not to exceed 12.5 kilowatts and a nighttime power not to exceed 5 kilowatts. In

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> KRDC(AM) is licensed for operation on 1110 kHz with a daytime power of 50 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 20 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

addition, the station also has the option to operate directionally with parameters at variance and directionally with reduced power. It will be necessary to further reduce or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KRDC(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 January 7, 2023.

**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,

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