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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary, the Honorable Marlene Dortch  
45 L Street NE  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: KECR (AM) El Cajon, CA  
Facility ID# 20977

To Ms. Dortch;

As stated in the original Engineering Special Temporary Authority (STA) application (BSTA-20200514AAC, attached), KECR has been operating at reduced power due to a failure in its directional antenna switching system, resulting in several burned contactor solenoids which prevent KECR from automatically switching between day and night modes. On 4/13/2020, the station was manually placed in night mode and continues to operate in that mode, at about 36% of authorized power during daytime hours (1,870 watts).

Its licensee, Family Stations, Inc. (FSI) gave the Commission notice of its low power status in a letter dated 04/23/2020 as repairs were underway of the damaged equipment. FSI requested an Engineering STA to continuously operate in night mode at about 36% power and was granted such on 5/19/2020 (BSTA-20200514AAC).

Very dry conditions in the area then prevented its local engineer from safely accessing the site without potential of sparking a wildfire. Brush clearing was completed in October 2020 and as soon as conditions were conducive to access the site, repairs resumed but were not completed. The licensee requested an Extension of its STA and was granted such on 12/7/2020 (BESTA-20201112AAU).

Repairs were made to the individual tower switching components. Additional problems were discovered, possibly rodent damage, in the control/tally wiring of the towers. The licensee was working on a solution to restore the wiring when it requested another Extension of its STA and was granted BESTA-20210604AAP on 6/28/2021.

The licensee was been working on a solution to restore the wiring when it requested Commission grant of an Extension of its Engineering STA and was granted an Extension (BESTA-20220103AAK) on 1/12/2022.

Since the last Engineering STA Extension granted by the Commission, the licensee has determined the basic problem with the mode switching system and repairs are currently underway to restore effective wiring to a single tower in the Day array. FSI expects these repairs to be completed within about a month. In the interim, FSI respectfully requests another Extension of the original Engineering STA (BSTA-20200514AAC) to operate KECR at reduced daytime power to allow the station to continue to provide service to the El Cajon community with minimal impact.

The operation of KECR, as proposed under this STA Request, will not have a significant environmental impact and complies with the Maximum Permissible Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Exposure Limits for controlled and uncontrolled environments. The licensee of KECR also certifies that it, in coordination with other potential users of the relevant site, will reduced power or cease operation as necessary to protect persons having access to the site, tower, or antenna from radio frequency electromagnetic exposure in excess of FCC guidelines.

The 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.

On behalf of the President of Family Stations, Inc., Thomas Evans, 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.

Sincerely,



Jennifer D. Burkhiser, Director of Compliance

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