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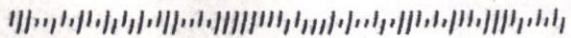


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Dear Audio Division Staff:

Please see the attached request to extend an existing Engineering Special Temporary Authority on behalf of Family Stations, Inc. for its station KECR (AM), El Cajon, CA (Facility ID No. 20977).

Thank you,

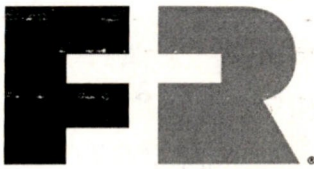
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Section I - General Information

1	Legal Name of the Applicant Family Stations, Inc.		
	Mailing Address 112 North Elm Street		
	City Shenandoah	State or Country (if foreign address) IA	Zip Code 51601
	Telephone Number (include area code) (712) 246-5151	E-Mail d d r e s s (if available) JBURKHISER@FAMILYRADIO.ORG	
	FCC Registration No 0001545607	Call Sign KECR	Facility ID Number 20977
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 d d r e s s (if available) McCormick@FHHLaw.com	
3.	Purpose:		
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	<input type="radio"/> Legal STA		
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4.	Service: AM		
5.	Community of License: City: El Cajon State: CA		
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 ha ing 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 Thomas Evans	Typed or Printed Title of Person Signing President
Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 07/11/2022

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: Reason for Request

Please see the attached letter and engineering statement.



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July 11, 2022

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 reduce 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

Family Stations, Inc.

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May 19, 2020

Family Stations, Inc.
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Re: Family Stations, Inc.
KECR(AM), El Cajon, CA
Facility Identification Number: 20977
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed May 14, 2020, on behalf of Family Stations, Inc. ("FSI"). FSI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KECR(AM) with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities.¹ Specifically, FSI requests that station KECR(AM) be permitted to continue to operate during daytime and nighttime hours utilizing the station's authorized nighttime directional antenna system.

In support of the request, FSI states that KECR(AM) recently experienced a failure of its directional antenna switching system resulting in several burned contactor solenoids which prevents KECR(AM) from automatically switching between day and night modes. The station was manually placed in night mode and continues to operate in that mode at 3.64 kilowatts. Thus, an STA is requested to continue to operate daytime at reduced power using the nighttime directional antenna system until the switching system is repaired. No changes are proposed to the nighttime operation.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. However, the daytime power must be reduced to 1.87 kilowatts, in order to prevent an increase in predicted interference to co-channel station KOXR(AM) on 910 kHz at Oxnard, California. Station KECR(AM) may operate daytime and nighttime with the station's currently licensed nighttime directional antenna system and with a daytime power of 1.87 kilowatts. No changes are proposed to the nighttime operation. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received.

¹ KECR(AM) is licensed for operation on 910 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

KECR(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² KECR(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 **November 15, 2020**.

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,



Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Matthew H. McCormick, Esq. (via email only)

² See 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).