



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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IHM Licenses, LLC  
7136 S. Yale Avenue  
Suite 501  
Tulsa, OK 74136

Re: IHM Licenses, LLC  
KBME(AM), Houston, TX  
Fac. ID No: 23082  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed August 10, 2022 on behalf of IHM Licenses, LLC ("IHM"). IHM requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KBME(AM) with parameters at variance from license values.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, IHM states that it has completed relocation of the main transmitters from the existing licensed sites of KXYZ(AM) and KPRC(AM) to the KBME(AM) licensed site. Spurious emissions measurements have been performed, and a multiplex agreement exhibit has been attached with the STA request. KBME(AM) is now requesting operation with the facilities authorized in BP-20220303AAS as fully adjusted under the method of moments derived operating parameters.

Accordingly, since the authorized construction permit was filed just to make a slight correction of coordinates with no other changes, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED and BESTA-20220614AAA IS SUPERSEDED. Station KBME(AM) may operate with antenna monitor parameters determined by its moment method model. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. IHM must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> IHM 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 **March 5, 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

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<sup>1</sup> KBME(AM) is licensed for operation on 790 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

<sup>2</sup> *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)

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 black ink that reads "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail.

Jerome J. Manarchuck  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Troy G. Langham (via email only)