

**Narrative to the Request to Extend the KIKR(AM) STA**

CUMULUS LICENSING LLC ('CUMULUS') RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS A FURTHER EXTENSION OF ITS SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION ('STA') TO PERMIT STATION KIKR(AM), BEAUMONT, TEXAS, TO OPERATE AT REDUCED POWER, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 73.1635 AND 73.1560(D) OF THE RULES.

STATION KIKR IS LICENSED TO OPERATE ON 1450 kHz WITH 1 kW OF POWER DURING DAYTIME AND NIGHTTIME HOURS. AS EXPLAINED IN EARLIER SUBMISSIONS, KIKR'S TECHNICAL PROBLEMS BEGAN WITH A MALFUNCTIONING ANTENNA TUNING UNIT ("ATU") AND THEFT OF COPPER GROUNDING AT THE TRANSMITTER SITE. THE GROUNDING WAS REPLACED, HOWEVER, THE POOR STATE OF THE GROUNDING RADIALS AND GUY WIRE ANCHORS PROHIBITED CONNECTION TO THE NEW COPPER STRAP, WHICH AFFECTED THE ABILITY OF THE TRANSMITTER TO MAKE FULL POWER. FURTHER EXAMINATION REVEALED THAT THE POOR CONDITION OF THE KIKR TOWER WAS CAUSING THE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS TO PERSIST.

THE TOWER WAS SOLD, HOWEVER, REPAIRS TO THE TOWER AND GROUND SYSTEM WERE DELAYED BY WEATHER. WHILE WAITING FOR DRY CONDITIONS, CUMULUS ORDERED A NEW ATU, WHICH WAS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT. ONCE THE AREA DRIED OUT, THE TOWER OWNER WAS FINALLY ABLE TO REPAIR THE TOWER AND GROUND SYSTEM, BUT, CUMULUS WAS STILL WAITING FOR SHIPMENT AND DELIVERY OF THE ATU.

CUMULUS IS PLEASED TO REPORT THAT IT RECEIVED THE ATU FROM KINTRONICS LAST WEEK. IT PLANS TO CONTACT ITS CONSULTANT AND RESCHEDULE HIS VISIT TO THE SITE TO TUNE THE NEW ATU WITH THE TOWER.

IN THE MEANTIME, CUMULUS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS AN EXTENSION OF ITS STA TO ALLOW KIKR TO OPERATE WITH REDUCED POWER OF 0.6 KW UNTIL THE ATU IS TUNED, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 73.1635 AND 73.1560(D) OF THE RULES. POSITIVE ACTION ON THIS EXTENSION REQUEST WILL ENABLE KIKR TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF BEAUMONT AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES UNTIL LICENSED OPERATION IS REESTABLISHED.