



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554
November 7, 2022

John Q. Hearne, President of Member
High Desert Broadcasting LLC
715 Broadway, Suite 320
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Re: High Desert Broadcasting LLC (HDB)
KUTY(AM), Palmdale, CA
Facility Identification Number: 22011
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20221104AAD

Dear Mr. Hearne:

This is in reference to the request filed on November 4, 2022. HDB requests a further extension of the STA granted on January 24, 2014, to continue ND operation with reduced power to allow time to file the required FCC Form 301 application to propose the use of the three remaining licensed towers instead of moving to the new transmitter site as previously planned.¹ In support of the request, HDB stated that Hatfield and Dawson will be assisting in preparing and filing this new minor change application (which will replace the outstanding permit BP-20200421AAB).

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.

Accordingly, the request for extension of the STA is **HEREBY GRANTED**, and HDB may continue operating ND at the currently licensed site using one of the three remaining towers with a maximum of 1.25 kW (day and night). HDB must reduce power or cease operation if

¹ KUTY(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 1470 kHz with 5 kW (day and night) using different patterns, and BP-20200421AAB authorizes an ND day and DA night pattern with reduced power at the KOSS transmitter site.

complaints of interference are received, and 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 **May 6, 2023**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: David Oxenford, Esq., WBK LLP (via e-mail only)