



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

December 6, 2022

Estrella Radio License of Dallas LLC
1845 Empire Avenue
Burbank, CA 91504

Re: Estrella Radio License of Dallas LLC
KZMP(AM), University Park, TX
Fac. ID No.: 63551
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed November 30, 2022, on behalf of Estrella Radio License of Dallas LLC ("ERL"). ERL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KZMP(AM) from an alternate site location.¹

In support of the request, KZMP(AM) states that it suspended operation on December 7, 2021 due to the sale of the station's licensed antenna site and resulting dismantlement of the towers. The station has remained off the air since that date pursuant to Commission silent authority and must resume broadcast operations by 12:01 a.m., December 8, 2022, or its license will expire as a matter of law. Thus, KZMP(AM) requests an STA to operate from an alternate site location with temporary facilities.

Specifically, KZMP(AM) requests temporary operation from a site located 30.7 miles from its licensed site. The station requests temporary operation using a Hy-Gain AV-6160, 43-foot self-supporting antenna within a fixed yard with a locked gate. The station requests daytime and nighttime operation with a reduced power of 100 watts.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area² without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

Although the loss of the licensed site was not beyond the licensee's control, we feel grant of the STA request is warranted as the site was sold in order to maintain financial viability during the pandemic. Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED.

¹ KZMP(AM) is licensed for operation on 1540 kHz with a daytime power of 32 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.75 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

² For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

Station KZMP(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	32° 52' 49" N, 96° 29' 05" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1540 KHz
Hours of operation	Daytime and Nighttime
Operating power	0.1 kilowatt (Daytime and Nighttime)
Antenna	Hy-Gain AV-6160 (43 foot self-supporting vertical antenna)

This Special Temporary Authority does not supersede any non-FCC-regulated requirements applicable to the STA-authorized facility. The licensee remains solely and wholly responsible for maintaining compliance with such requirements.

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KZMP(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KZMP(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 **June 4, 2023**.

Notwithstanding the grant of this STA or the expiration date specified herein, the station's license will expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., December 8, 2022. *See* Pub. Law No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, Section 403(1)(1996) and *Order, Silent Station Authorizations*, FCC 96-218 (released May 17 1996). *See also Public Notice, Expedited Processing of Applications Filed by Silent Stations*, DA 96-818 (May 22, 1996). The licensee must notify the Audio Division immediately upon resumption of broadcasting.

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerome" and last name "Manarchuck" clearly legible.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Ari Meltzer, Esq. (via email only)