



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

May 3, 2023

Salem Communications
Holding Corporation
4880 Santa Rosa Road
Camarillo, CA 93012

Re: Salem Communications
Holding Corporation
KZTS(AM), North Little Rock, AR
Fac. ID No.: 665
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed May 1, 2023 on behalf of Salem Communications Holding Corporation ("Salem"). Salem requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KZTS(AM) with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹ Specifically, Salem requests that station KZTS(AM) be permitted to operate during daytime hours with the station's licensed nighttime facilities.

In support of the request, Salem states that KZTS(AM) has experienced a failure in its transmitter and in its directional antenna pattern switching system that prevents it from operating with its fully authorized daytime or nighttime power and from switching out the nighttime directional antenna pattern. Therefore, until the necessary repairs can be made, KZTS(AM) requests STA to operate during daytime and nighttime hours with the station's licensed nighttime pattern and with a reduced power of 1 kilowatt.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. KZTS(AM) may operate during daytime and nighttime hours using its nighttime directional antenna pattern with a reduced power of 1 kilowatt. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KZTS(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KZTS(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 **October 30, 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

¹ KZTS(AM) is licensed for operation on 1380 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 2.5 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

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: Kathleen A. Kirby, Esq. (via email only)