



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
May 10, 2023

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-20230428AAG

Dear Mr. Hearne:

This is in reference to the request filed on April 28, 2023. 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 use of the three remaining licensed site towers.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, HDB stated it plans to file the application in the near future to replace 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 using one of the three remaining licensed site towers with a maximum of 1.25 kW (day and night). HDB must reduce power or cease operation if 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

guidelines. *See* 47 CFR §1.1310. An e-mailed PDF letter requesting to cancel BP-20200421AAB must be submitted to my attention if the new 301 application is filed before the construction permit expires on July 29, 2023.

This authority expires on **November 6, 2023**.<sup>2</sup>

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)

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<sup>2</sup>Periods of operation pursuant to this STA shall be recorded in the station's records (see 47 CFR § 73.1820). The records shall include start/stop dates and times of such operation. These log entries must be maintained for a minimum of two years as specified in 47 CFR § 73.1840(a), unless a longer retention period is requested by the staff. Periods of operation may be subject to independent verification that they in fact occurred.