



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

June 26, 2023

Alpha Media Licensee LLC  
1211 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Suite 750  
Portland, OR 97204

Re: Alpha Media Licensee LLC  
KSAH(AM), Universal City, TX  
Fac. ID No.: 23072  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed June 21, 2023, on behalf of Alpha Media Licensee LLC ("AML"). AML requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KSAH(AM) with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, AML states that KSAH(AM) is operating with a reduced power at night to maintain monitor points within limits following a failure of the switching system that caused damage to the night array equipment. Specifically, the station is operating at night with a power of 450 watts and is requesting STA to continue to operate with parameters at variance until the damage is assessed and the repairs are made.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED.<sup>2</sup> KSAH(AM) may continue to operate with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KSAH(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KSAH(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 **December 23, 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

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<sup>1</sup> KSAH(AM) is licensed for operation on 720 kHz with a daytime power of 10 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.89 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

<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.

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: Gregory L. Masters, Esq. (via email only)