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## **VIA EMAIL**

Federal Communications Commission 45 L Street, NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20554

Re: Stephan C. Sloan, Media Services Group, Receiver

FRN: 0024256836

KXEG(AM), Facility Id. No. 10975

Phoenix, Arizona

**Request for Modification of Engineering STA** 

Dear Sir or Madam:

Stephan C. Sloan, Media Services Group, Receiver ("Receiver") hereby files this request for modification of the Engineering STA (File No. BESTA-20230321AAB) for KXEG(AM) (the "Station") to operate at variance to the Station's licensed facility.

In January 2020 the Superior Court for the State of Arizona appointed the Receiver for the Station on behalf of the creditors for the previous licensee. The Receiver has worked diligently to restore the Station to operations and find a purchaser for the Station. The combination of the global Coronavirus pandemic and the accompanying dire financial situation made achieving these goals considerably difficult. The previous licensee lost its tower site, forcing the Receiver to locate a new tower site for the Station.

In May 2021 the Receiver entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement and Local Marketing Agreement with Far West Radio, LLC. In mid-August 2021 the Superior Court of Arizona approved the sale to Far West Radio. Tragically, the principal of Far West Radio suffered a series of strokes in August 2021 and passed away on September 23, 2021.

The Receiver was relying upon the technical expertise of Far West Radio for assistance with the technical operations of the Station. That expertise was lost with the passing of Far West Radio's principal and on October 2, 2021 the Station ceased operations. The Station resumed operations pursuant to an Engineering STA (File No. BSTA-20220922AAB) that was subsequently extended (File No. BESTA-20230321AAB).

The Receiver is working with another broadcaster interested in purchasing the Station to locate a permanent tower site for the Station. This includes consideration of resuming permanent operations from either the licensed tower site or a new tower site. Progress is being made on returning to the original licensed tower site. The owner of the real property where the Station's licensed tower site is located has indicated a willingness to let the Station resume operation from that site. The Receiver is exploring the feasibility of returning to the licensed site.

New equipment must be installed in order for the Station to broadcast from the licensed site and to determine whether the licensed site will work. If successful, applications for construction permit and license will be filed with the FCC, if necessary.

Accordingly, the Receiver requests the Commission grant the Receiver's request for modification of the special temporary authority for KXEG to operate at variance to the licensed facilities for KXEG(AM) from the original licensed site as follows:

Geographic Coordinates: 33 29 36.9N; 112 8 21.2W

Frequency: 1280 kHz
Hours of Operation: Unlimited
Daytime: 0.05 kW
Nighttime: 0.05 kW
Antenna Type: Long-Wire

Attached is the requisite Anti-Drug Abuse Certification.

Please contact our attorney, David G. O'Neil at 202-955-3931 or <u>doneil@rinioneil.com</u> if there are any questions regarding this matter or if additional information is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHAN C. SLOAN, MEDIA SERVICES GROUP, RECEIVER

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## **Anti-Drug Abuse Certification**

Answer YES if all parties to the application are in compliance with Section 5301 of the *Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988*, 21 U.S.C. Section 862, the federal law which provides federal and state court judges the discretion to deny federal benefits to individuals convicted of offenses consisting of the distribution of controlled substances. For a definition of "party" for these purposes, see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.2002(b). *See also Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules to Implement Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988*, 6 FCC Rcd 7551, 57 Fed. Reg. 00186 (1991).

XXXX	YES	NO	

By checking yes, the applicant certifies that, in the case of an individual applicant, he or she is not subject to a denial of federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. 862, or, in the case of a non-individual applicant (e.g., corporation, partnership or other unincorporated association), no party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to that section. For the definition of a party for these purposes, see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.2002(b).

I certify that the statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

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Request for Extension of Engineering STA

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