



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

July 21, 2023

Blue Sky Broadcasting Inc.
327 Marion Ave.
Sandpoint, ID 83864

Re: Blue Sky Broadcasting Inc.
KSPT(AM), Sandpoint, ID
Fac. ID No.: 5989
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed July 19, 2023 on behalf of Blue Sky Broadcasting Inc. ("BSB"). BSB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KSPT(AM) from an alternate site location with a temporary antenna.¹ The station has been silent since August 2, 2022, and thus, the station must resume broadcast operations by 12:01 a.m., August 3, 2023 or its license will expire as a matter of law.

In support of the request, BSB states that KSPT(AM) has lost the use of its transmitting site and is currently silent. The station seeks to return to the air using a temporary antenna from the stations existing studio building located at 327 Marion Avenue, Sand point, Idaho.

Specifically, KSPT(AM) proposes to operate during daytime and nighttime hours with an elevated vertical whip antenna side mounted on the existing studio building STL tower. The radiator length is 32 feet and the height above ground to the whip tip will be 52 feet. The station requests STA to employ this temporary antenna and operate with a reduced daytime and nighttime power of 0.2 kilowatt.

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.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED.³ Station KSPT(AM) may operate with the

¹ KSPT(AM) is licensed for operation on 1400 kHz with an unlimited hours power of 1 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND1-U).

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

³ 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.

following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	48° 16' 12" N, 116° 33' 35" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1400 KHz
Hours of operation	Daytime and Nighttime
Operating power	0.2 kilowatt
Antenna	HPR.0990
Antenna Efficiency	140 mV/m/kW at 1 km

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KSPT(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KSPT(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 **January 17, 2024**.

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., August 3, 2023 *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: Dylan Benefield (via email only)
Tim Sawyer (via email only)