



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Stephan C. Sloan,
Media Services Group, Receiver
90 Bow Street
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Re: Stephan C. Sloan,
Media Services Group, Receiver
KXEG(AM), Phoenix, AZ
Fac. ID No.: 10975
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed July 18, 2023, on behalf of Stephan C. Sloan Media Services Group, Receiver, ("Mr. Sloan").¹ Mr. Sloan requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KXEG(AM) with temporary long-wire facilities from its licensed transmitter site.² In support of the request, Mr. Sloan states that the previous licensee lost its tower site, forcing Mr. Sloan to locate a new tower for the station. Mr. Sloan is working with another broadcaster interested in purchasing the station to locate a permanent tower site for the station. In the meantime, Mr. Sloan requests an STA for KXEG(AM) to operate at variance from its licensed facilities from its licensed site location.

Specifically, KXEG(AM) requests STA to operate with a long-wire antenna that stretches from the base of the tower at the ATU output and supported 25 feet up the tower vertically, insulated, then stretches out horizontally 65 feet away from the tower. The long-wire will be supported by the tower on one side and an elevated concrete steel post on the other. Operation is proposed with a daytime and nighttime power of 50 watts.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED, however the nighttime power must not exceed the licensed power of 49 watts.³ Station KXEG(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	33° 29' 37" N, 112° 08' 17" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1280 kHz
Hours of operation	Daytime and Nighttime
Operating power	50 watts (Daytime), 49 watts (Nighttime)
Antenna type	Long-wire antenna

¹ Staff granted the Form 316 pro forma assignment application (BAL-20200108AAF) from Gabrielle Broadcasting Licensee Ordinal I FCC, LLC to Stephan C. Sloan, Media Services Group, Receiver on January 14, 2020.

² KXEG(AM) is licensed for operation on 1280 kHz with a daytime power of 2.5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.049 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND2-U).

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.

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KXEG(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KXEG(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 28, 2024**.

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, appearing to read "Jerome J. Manarchuck", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: David G. O'Neil, Esq. (via email only)