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Vance Barbee The Turning Leaf, Inc. Box 2770 Show Low, Arizona 85902

Re: KLJK(FM), Hudson, Texas

Facility Identification Number: 77846

The Turning Leaf, Inc.

Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Mr. Barbee:

This is in reference to the request filed January 29, 2009, on behalf of The Turning Leaf, Inc. ("TLI"). TLI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KLJK from a site other than the licensed site. In support of the request, TLI states that the station has lost its licensed site, is currently silent and must return to the air with sufficient power to cover its community of license. TLI provides technical details for the proposed STA operation.

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<sup>3</sup> to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area<sup>4</sup> without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation fails to comply with the foregoing criteria in that a substantial extension of the 60 dBu contour beyond the licensed contour would result. However, if the effective radiated power is reduced to 0.5 kilowatt, no extension would occur. STA will be granted with a power reduction to 0.5 kilowatt.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Written permission for the filing was provided by the licensee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> KLJK is licensed for operation on Channel 242A (96.3 MHz) with effective radiated power of 1.35 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 212 meters.

 $<sup>^{3}</sup>$  For AM - 5 mV/m; for commercial FM - 3.16 mV/m; for noncommercial educational FM - 1.0 mV/m.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, with a power reduction as discussed above. Station KLJK may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:

31° 20′ 05″ N, 94° 40′ 10″ W (NAD 1927)

Channel

242 (96.3 MHz)

Effective radiated power:

not to exceed 0.5 kilowatt (H&V)

Antenna height:

above ground: above mean sea level:

134 meters

e mean sea level: 229 meters

Above average terrain:

150 meters

KLJK must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KLJK 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 August 3, 2009.

Notwithstanding the grant of this STA or the expiration date specified herein, the station's license will expire as a matter of law upon twelve consecutive months of silence. *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,

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