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Re: KLPI (FM), Ruston, Louisiana  
Facility Identification Number: 38615  
Louisiana Tech University  
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Ms. Carter:

This is in reference to the request filed February 12, 2009, on behalf of Louisiana Tech University ("LTU"). LTU requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KLPI with reduced power.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, LTU states that a change of administration at LTU and funding issues have delayed its efforts to obtain new transmitting equipment.

Section 73.1560(d) (d), which governs reduced power operation, states:

In the event it becomes technically impossible to operate at authorized power, a broadcast station may operate at reduced power for a period of not more than 30 days without specific authority from the FCC. If operation at reduced power will exceed 10 consecutive days, notification must be made to the FCC in Washington, DC, Attention: Audio Services Division (radio) or Video Services Division (television), Mass Media Bureau, not later than the 10th day of the lower power operation. In the event that normal power is restored within the 30 day period, the licensee must notify the FCC of the date that normal operation was restored. If causes beyond the control of the licensee prevent restoration of the authorized power within 30 days, a request for Special Temporary Authority (see Section 73.1635) must be made to the FCC in Washington, DC for additional time as may be necessary.

Our review indicates that the request complies with Section 73.1560(d). however, we note that Station KLPI has been operating with reduced power pursuant to STA for more than five years, and that the most recent extension of STA expired on November 4, 2007. The STA will be conditioned appropriately.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KLPI may continue to operate with reduced power. LTU must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. LTU must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from

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<sup>1</sup> KLPI is licensed for operation on Channel 206A (89.1 MHz) with effective radiated power of 4 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 87 meters.

exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310. The authority granted herein does not cover the period between November 4, 2007, and the date of this letter, and is without prejudice as to whatever action the Commission may take with regard to operation of Station KLPI during the foregoing period. It is anticipated that LTU will act in an expeditious fashion to restore Station KLPI to licensed operation. See STA Advisory, below.

This authority expires on **August 19, 2009**.

**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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cc: Louisiana Tech University