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Re: KKNi (FM), Sterling, Alaska  
Facility Identification Number: 72677  
Seward Media Partners, LLC  
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Mr. Kurtz:

This is in reference to the request filed February 24, 2009, on behalf of Seward Media Partners, LLC ("SMP"). SMP requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KKNi from a site other than the licensed site.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, SMP states that Station KKNi has been silent since March 12, 2008, and thus faces the loss of its license if it does not resume broadcasting on or before March 12, 2009. SMP provides technical details for the proposed temporary 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 to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area 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 would result in a slight extension of the 60 dBu contour beyond the licensed contour; however, no interference to any other station is likely.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KKNi may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	60° 08' 49" N, 149° 24' 56" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	290 (105.9 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.3 kilowatt (V only)
Antenna manufacturer and type:	Nondirectional
Antenna height:	
above ground:	18 meters
above mean sea level:	37 meters
Above average terrain:	-491 meters

SMP must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. SMP must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation

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<sup>1</sup> KKNi is licensed for operation on Channel 290A (105.9 MHz) with effective radiated power of 3 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of -400 meters.

in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **August 25, 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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Media Bureau

cc: Seward Media Partners, LLC