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Re: Radio Assist Ministry, Inc.  
K254BI(FX), Eureka, Kansas  
Facility Identification Number: 152851  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Long:

This is in reference to the request filed August 27, 2010, on behalf of Radio Assist Ministry, Inc. ("RAM"). RAM requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate FM Translator K254BI with temporary facilities.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, RAM states that the station has lost the use of its licensed facilities and currently is silent. RAM requests STA for operation from the licensed site with reduced power and antenna height, using a temporary antenna. Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation is not likely to result in interference to any other station.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station K254BI may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	37° 55' 39" N, 96° 14' 41" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	254 (98.7 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.01 kilowatt (V only)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	4 meters
above mean sea level:	371 meters
Above average terrain:	15 meters

RAM must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. RAM 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 **March 1, 2011**.

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<sup>1</sup> K254BI is licensed for operation on Channel 254D (98.7 MHz) with effective radiated power of 0.17 kilowatt (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 83 meters.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Radio Assist Ministry, Inc.