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Re: Public Broadcasting of Colorado, Inc.
KCFC (AM), Boulder, Colorado
Facility Identification Number: 70405
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed June 17, 2011, on behalf of Public Broadcasting of Colorado, Inc. ("PBC"). PBC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KCFC with temporary facilities.¹

In support of the request, PBC states that it is losing the lease on the current site. In order to maintain operation during its search for a new, permanent site, PBC proposes STA operation with reduced power from the site of Station KVCU(AM).

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 service² to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area³ 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 complies with the foregoing criteria.

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

¹ KCFC is licensed for operation on 1490 kHz with 1 kilowatt daytime and 1 kilowatt nighttime, employing a nondirectional antenna (ND-1-U).

² For AM - 5 mV/m; for commercial FM - 3.16 mV/m; for noncommercial educational FM - 1.0 mV/m.

³ For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

Transmitter site:	Existing tower of Station KVCU(AM), Boulder, Colorado
Geographic coordinates	39° 57' 53" N, 105° 14' 07" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1490 KHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	Not to exceed 0.32 kilowatt
Antenna type	Nondirectional
Radiator height	112.7° (63 meters)
Antenna efficiency	320.4 mV/m/km/kW
Overall height	65.7 meters
ASRN	1033690

Operation shall not commence until sufficient diplexing equipment has been installed and properly adjusted to reduce all spurious emissions below the levels specified in 47 CFR Section 73.44(b). Within 10 days after commencement of operation, PBC must submit the results of measurements which demonstrate compliance with the above condition, along with a copy of a signed agreement between the licensees of Stations KCFC and KVCU which clearly sets forth the responsibilities for installation and maintenance of the diplexing equipment. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. PBC 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 **December 22, 2011**.

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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cc: Public Broadcasting of Colorado, Inc.