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Troy G. Langham, FCC Engineering Supervisor  
Clear Channel Technical & Capital Management  
2625 South Memorial Drive, Suite A  
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Re: KKZN (AM), Thornton, Colorado  
Facility Identification Number: 29740  
Citicasters Licenses, Inc.  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Langham:

This is in reference to the request filed November 16, 2011, on behalf of Citicasters Licenses, Inc. ("Citicasters"). Citicasters requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KKZN with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, Citicasters states that changes in the local environment have caused the system to drift out of tolerance. Citicasters states that it is investigating the situation and is making plans to convert the station's license to a Method of Moments ("MOM") proof of performance.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KKZN may continue to operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Citicasters 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 **May 17, 2012**.

**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

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<sup>1</sup> KKZN is licensed for operation on 760 kHz with 50 kilowatts daytime and 1 kilowatt nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

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 stylized, cursive script.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Citicasters Licenses, Inc.