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Re: Canyon Media Group, LLC
KPLD(FM), Kanab, Utah
Facility Identification Number: 55399
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed November 22, 2011, on behalf of Canyon Media Group, LLC ("CMG"). CMG requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KPLD with temporary facilities.¹ In support of the request, CMG states that the licensed antenna suffered a catastrophic failure resulting in a burnout of the top section. CMG seeks STA for operation with a temporary antenna while it assesses its options for restoring full power operations.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provides for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filed with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(2) provides that FM and TV stations may erect any suitable radiator, or use operable sections of the authorized antenna(s) as an emergency antenna.

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

Geographic coordinates:	37° 17' 45" N, 112° 50' 34" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	266 (101.1 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	6 kilowatts (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	49 meters
above mean sea level:	2500 meters
above average terrain:	566 meters

¹ KPLD is licensed for operation on Channel 266C (101.1 MHz) with effective radiated power of 100 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 600 meters.

CMG must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.. CMG 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 28, 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 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: Canyon Media Group, LLC