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Re: Calvary Chapel of Twin Falls, Inc.
K273AW(FX), Gardendale, Texas
Facility Identification Number: 88872
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed January 24, 2012, on behalf of Calvary Chapel of Twin Falls, Inc. ("CCTF"). CCTF requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate FM Translator K273AW with temporary facilities.¹ In support of the request, CCTF states that the station's transmitter was unable to make full power and, due to the cost of replacement, it planned to file a modification of license to reduce the effective radiated power. However, it discovered that corrections had been made to the tower registration data which necessitated the filing of an application for construction permit. CCTF requests STA for operation with the facilities specified in its pending application (See Note 1, below).

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station K273AW may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	32° 02' 54" N, 102° 18' 04" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	273 (102.5 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.080 kilowatt (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	144 meters
above mean sea level:	1036 meters

CCTF must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. CCTF 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.

¹ K273AW is licensed for operation on Channel 273D (102.5 MHz) with effective radiated power ("ERP") of 0.092 kilowatt (H&V) and antenna height above mean sea level ("HAMSL") of 1040 meters. Application BPFT-20120124AFI proposes a reduction in ERP to 0.08 kilowatt and a correction in the HAMSL to 1036 meters.

This authority expires on **July 25, 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: Calvary Chapel of Twin Falls, Inc.