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Re: Townsquare Media Missoula License, LLC
KGVO (AM), Missoula, Montana
Facility Identification Number: 71751
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed May 31, 2011¹, on behalf of Townsquare Media Missoula License, LLC ("TMM"). TMM requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KGVO with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.² In support of the request, TMM states that the station's sampling system needs repair work, and that it has contacted an engineer to complete the necessary repairs.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KGVO may 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. TMM must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.³ TMM 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 **August 6, 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

¹ Processing of the request was delayed due to the use of an incorrect form. A request for operation with technical facilities at variance from the license, such as the instant request, is an "engineering" STA, as opposed to a "legal" STA. The "legal" category is reserved for operation with deleted facilities, main studio waiver requests, and other non-technical matters.

² KGVO is licensed for operation on 1290 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 5 kilowatts nighttime, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DA-N-U).

³ See 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).

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: Townsquare Media Missoula License, LLC