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Troy G. Langham, FCC Engineering Supervisor
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Re: Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc.
KAKC (AM), Tulsa, Oklahoma
Facility Identification Number: 11939
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Mr. Langham:

This is in reference to the request filed July 10, 2012, on behalf of Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc. ("CCBL"). CCBL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KAKC with a temporary nondirectional antenna and reduced power.¹ In support of the request, CCBL states that it plans to perform maintenance on the station's towers and to replace the sampling system. CCBL further states that it intends to submit an application for modification of license based on a Method of Moments ("MOM") proof of performance.

Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation complies with the technical provisions of Section 73.1615, which governs operation during modification of facilities. However, due to the increased potential for interference to other stations which results from nondirectional operation, such operation is authorized only on an "as necessary" basis. Although not specifically requested, operation also is authorized with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits, and with the substantially adjusted directional patterns with MOM-derived operating parameters.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, with modification as discussed above. Station KAKC may operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Operation with a temporary nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts daytime and 0.25 kilowatt nighttime also is authorized, only as necessary to facilitate the planned maintenance work. Following completion of necessary modifications, adjustments and measurements, operation is authorized with the substantially adjusted daytime and nighttime directional patterns and powers, pending the submission of an application for modification of license pursuant to Section 73.151(c). During this latter mode of operation, operating parameters must be maintained within $\pm 5\%$ current ratios and $\pm 3^\circ$ phase indications of the MOM-derived operating parameters, which must be posted with the station license along with a copy of this letter. It will be necessary to further

¹ KAKC is licensed for operation on 1300 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 1 kilowatt nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. It is anticipated that an application for modification of license will be filed prior to the expiration date below. CCBL 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 **January 11, 2013**.

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".

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
Audio Division
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cc: Clear Channel Broadcasting Licenses, Inc.