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Re: Ramar Communications, Inc.
KTTU-FM, Brownfield, Texas
Facility Identification Number: 61581
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed October 11, 2012, on behalf of Ramar Communications, Inc. ("RC"). RC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KTTU-FM with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ For reasons which are discussed below, the request is denied.

In support of the request, RC states that the power supply in its transmitter failed and that it resumed operation using a 1 kW transmitter and a Shively 6020 vertically polarized antenna. RC provides technical details for the proposed STA operation.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service² to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area³ without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA. Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation fails to comply with the foregoing criteria, in that no cognizable service would be provided to the city of license. The purpose of an emergency

¹ KTTU-FM is licensed for operation on Channel 282C2 (104.3 MHz) with effective radiated power of 50 kilowatts (H&V) and antenna height above average terrain of 145 meters.

² For AM - 5 mV/m; for commercial FM - 3.16 mV/m; for noncommercial educational FM - 1.0 mV/m.

³ For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

antenna is "...to restore program service to the public."⁴ We find that the proposed "emergency antenna" operation constitutes a *de facto* relocation of the station to the metropolitan area of Lubbock, while providing no service whatsoever to the community of license, Brownfield.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS DENIED. This action is taken pursuant to 47 CFR Section 0.283. The action taken herein does not preclude RC from filing a new request for STA in conformance with our technical rules and STA policies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller".

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Ramar Communications, Inc.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 73.1680(b).