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Re: KALI(AM), West Covina, California  
Facility Identification Number: 56779  
Transition Radio, LLC, Trustee  
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed January 22, 2013, on behalf of Transition Radio, LLC, Trustee ("TRLT"). TRLT requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KALI(AM) with temporary facilities.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, TRLT states that its landlord has informed them that they must vacate their licensed site by February 1, 2013. In addition, although construction of the towers has been completed and equipment installation at the authorized construction permit (CP) site is substantially complete, construction efforts have been hampered by delays in obtaining approval of electrical permits, service installation, and theft of the additional ground system after installation.

Therefore, TRLT requests STA to operate station KALI(AM) non-directionally from its authorized construction permit site located 19.3 east of the KALI(AM) licensed site, with reduced power.

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 service<sup>2</sup> to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area<sup>3</sup> without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA. Our review of the STA request and accompanying material indicates that station KALI(AM) has lost permission to broadcast from its licensed site; that 5 mV/m daytime service would be provided to

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<sup>1</sup> KALI is licensed for operation on 900 kHz with 500 watts daytime and 79 watts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns during daytime and nighttime hours (DA-2-U).

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

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

West Covina, California, and that the use of an existing tower is proposed. Our review also indicates that, while there would be extension of the 0.5 mV/m contour toward the east, there would be no adverse impact on any other station. Thus, the STA proposal satisfies three of the Commission's four STA criteria, and substantially satisfies the fourth criterion.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KALI(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	31° 01' 48" N, 117° 43' 35" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency:	900 kHz
Operating hours:	Unlimited
Operating power:	0.43 kW daytime, 0.038 kW nighttime
Antenna:	Tower #3 of KALI(AM)'s CP array
Radiator height:	72.4°
ASRN:	1238907

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. TRLT 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 **April 25, 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,



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cc: Transition Radio, LLC, Trustee