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Re: Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC
KBLA (AM), Santa Monica, California
Facility Identification Number: 34385
Special Temporary Authority
BESTA-20130314ABJ

Dear Mr. Lipp:

This is in reference to the request filed March 14, 2013, on behalf of Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC ("MRB"). MRB requests further extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on September 14, 2012, to operate Station KBLA with temporary facilities.¹ In support of the request, MRB states that its engineers were progressing nicely toward completion of the move of co-owned station KYPA(AM) to the KBLA towers. The licensee of station KHJ(AM) sought and gained permission from Multicultural to locate on the KBLA/KYPA towers. As a result, the KBLA and KYPA antenna systems must be modified to accommodate station KHJ. The technical work is underway. The equipment necessary to complete the KBLA/KYPA/KHJ project was just delivered to the transmitter site by Kintronic Labs and installation has begun. If all goes as planned, the tune-up will begin in mid-April 2013. MRB requests further extension of STA in order to accommodate the KHJ antenna relocation.

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

¹ KBLA is licensed for operation on 1580 kHz with 50 kilowatts daytime and 50 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Our review indicates that the licensee has made substantial progress toward restoring licensed operation. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KBLA may continue to operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Operation with a nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 12.5 kilowatts also is authorized, only as necessary to facilitate the construction work. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. MRB must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² MRB 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 **September 14, 2013**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Kong', is positioned above the typed name.

Jimmy Kong, Engineer
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cc: Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b).