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Mr. Ryan Broom
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Re: KYVT (FM), Takoma, WA
Facility Identification Number: 74320
Yakima School District #7
Special Temporary Authorization
BSTA-20130502AAT

Dear Mr. Broom:

This is in reference to the request filed May 2, 2013, on behalf of Yakima School District #7 ("YSD"). YSD requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KYVT with temporary facilities, as the tower from which the station presently operates is scheduled for demolition on June 1, 2013.¹ The licensee has been granted construction permit BPED-20130228ALY for a permanent site, but requests an STA from a temporary site to allow continued operation until the permanent facility can be completed.

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 to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

In the present instance, the proposed STA facilities and effective radiated power (ERP) of 0.095 kW cause a significant expansion of the 60 dBu service contour of KYVT in nearly all directions, as compared to the licensed KYVT 60 dBu contour. Therefore, the proposal as filed fails Item (3) of the previous paragraph. We find that, were the STA ERP to be reduced to 0.005 kW (5 watts), the proposed operation can be made acceptable.²

¹ KYVT is licensed to operate on Channel 203A (88.5 MHz) with an effective radiated power of 3.0 kilowatts and an antenna height above average terrain of -78 meters.

² Even at 0.005 kW, there is a small extension of the STA facility's 60 dBu contour beyond the licensed station's 60 dBu contour. We find this temporary extension to be acceptable, under the circumstances.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KYVT may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	46° 31' 57" N, 120° 30' 37" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	203A (88.5 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.005 kilowatt (H&V) [Reduced value]
Antenna height:	
above average terrain:	256 meters
above mean sea level:	617 meters
above ground:	16 meters

YSD must notify the Commission when construction pursuant to its construction permit is complete, and operations commenced. YSD must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **November 2, 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.

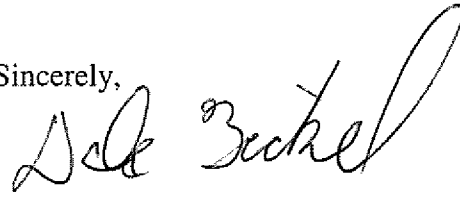
Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. 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 black ink, appearing to read "Dale Bickel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dale" and last name "Bickel" clearly distinguishable.

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