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Re: KHCO (FM), Hayden, CO
Educational Media Foundation
Facility Identification Number: 92359
BSTA-20130604ACC¹
BSTA-20130710AAA

Dear Counsel:

Educational Media Foundation ("EMF") filed a Special Temporary Authority ("STA") request on June 4, 2013 (BSTA-20130604ACC) seeking authority to continue operating KHCO at reduced power (approximately 20% of licensed effective radiated power (ERP)) due to high VSWR on the transmission line. EMF stated that a new antenna has been ordered.

On July 10, 2013, EMF filed a new request to permit temporary operation at full licensed power, but with a directional antenna to direct the signal toward its community of license (Hayden, CO), pending arrival and replacement of the failed antenna. This results in improved signal in the community of license.

Our review concludes that STA to operate as set forth in the July 10, 2013 STA is warranted in this instance. The June 4, 2013 STA request (BSTA-20130604ACC) is therefore DISMISSED as no longer necessary. The June 10, 2013 STA request (BSTA-20130710AAA) IS GRANTED to permit KHCO to operate with its licensed parameters (ERP, HAAT, antenna heights above ground and above mean sea level, and site coordinates), except with a directional antenna oriented at 270° True. EMF must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. EMF 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 Special Temporary Authority expires January 7, 2014.

¹ STA prefix corrected from "BLSTA".

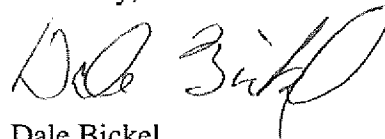
STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice 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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