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Re: Saga Communications of Iowa, LLC (Saga)
KRNT(AM), Des Moines, IA
Facility Identification Number: 58534
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA - 20131206BBI

Dear Mr. Smithwick:

This is in reference to the request filed December 6, 2013. Saga requests extension of the STA granted on June 11, 2013, to operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹ In support of the request, Saga states that the damaged antenna monitor has been repaired and a partial proof partially completed (not yet analyzed), so an extension of the last STA is needed.

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:

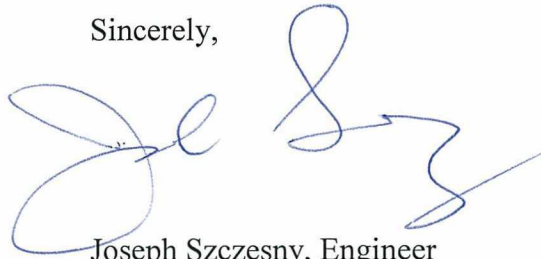
- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

¹ KRNT is licensed for operation on 1350 kHz with a 5 kW ND daytime and a 5 kW DA nighttime antenna

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KRNT(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. It is anticipated that an FCC Form 302 application containing an acceptable partial proof (analyzed in accordance with Section 73.154) will be submitted before the expiration date shown below, so that a new license can be issued. Saga 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 **March 3, 2014**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joe Szc', is written over the typed name of Joseph Szczesny.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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cc: Jeff Delvaux, VP, Saga