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Re: Major Market Stations, Inc.
KWRM (AM), Corona, California
Facility Identification Number: 39692
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed April 16, 2014, on behalf of Major Market Stations, Inc. ("MMS"). MMS requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KWRM(AM) during daytime hours with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹ In support of the request, MMS states that the station has made steady progress since the last STA obtained in October 2013 despite further technical difficulties, most recently the failure this month of a fourth transmission line since July 2010. MMS seeks a new STA to operate with its licensed daytime power but with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits, as they work to complete the partial proof of performance.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, as progress has been made since the last STA grant. Station KWRM(AM) may operate daytime with its licensed power but with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. There is no proposed change to the nighttime operation. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. MMS 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 **October 20, 2014**.

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

¹ KWRM(AM) is licensed for operation on 1370 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 2.5 kilowatts nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).


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: Major Market Stations, Inc.