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Re: Journal Broadcast Corporation  
KSGF(AM), Springfield, MO  
Facility Identification Number: 62024  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed March 18, 2015, on behalf of Journal Broadcast Corporation ("Journal"). Journal requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KSGF(AM) during nighttime hours with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, Journal states that during the overnight hours on March 16 and 17, one of the KSGF(AM) antenna coupling units was vandalized making it impossible to operate the authorized nighttime directional antenna system. Therefore, KSGF(AM) requests STA to operate during nighttime hours with an emergency nondirectional antenna, at reduced power. Specifically, KSGF(AM) proposes to operate non-directionally with 1.25 kilowatts (25% of licensed power) during nighttime hours using the licensed daytime non-directional antenna system.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provide for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filed with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(1) provides that AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna in lieu of authorized directional facilities shall operate with power reduced to 25 percent or less of the nominal license power, or a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth.

Our review indicates that the request complies with Section 73.1680.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KSGF(AM) may operate during

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<sup>1</sup> KSGF(AM) is licensed for operation on 1260 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

nighttime hours with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Journal must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> Journal 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 20, 2015**.

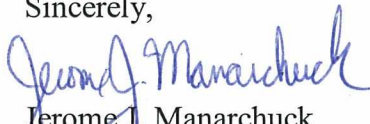
**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice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

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<sup>2</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).