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April 23, 2015

Citicasters Licenses, Inc.  
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Re: Citicasters Licenses, Inc.  
KTDD(AM), San Bernardino, CA  
Facility Identification Number: 2399  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed April 22, 2015, on behalf of Citicasters Licenses, Inc. ("CLI"). CLI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KTDD(AM) during daytime and nighttime hours with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, CLI states that KTDD(AM) has experienced a failure of the antenna array control system and therefore the station is operating with an emergency non-directional antenna with 25% of authorized daytime and nighttime power while the control system failure is identified and repairs are made. Specifically, KTDD(AM) requests STA for continued non-directional operation from tower #2 of the currently licensed directional array. The antenna structure registration number (ASRN) for the tower is 1031401. The station requests operation with a daytime non-directional power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts and a nighttime power not to exceed 0.15 kilowatt.

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 KTDD(AM) may operate with

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<sup>1</sup> KTDD(AM) is licensed for operation on 1350 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.6 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

an emergency nondirectional antenna and a daytime power of 1.25 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.15 kilowatt. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CLI must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> CLI 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, 2015**.

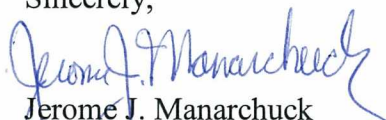
**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice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

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