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April 29, 2014

Bernie M. Woods  
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Re: K290AY (FX), Ruidoso, NM  
Bernie M. Woods  
Facility Identification Number: 156941  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BSTA-20150227ABF

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to the request filed February 27, 2015, on behalf of Bernie M. Woods ("Woods"). Woods explains that the primary station, KBUY (AM), is presently operating at reduced power of 0.5 kW instead of the licensed 5 kW value.<sup>1</sup> Woods has completed the facility authorized for K290AY in construction permit BPED-20140807AAP at a new transmitter site and has filed covering license application BLED-20150227AAM (currently pending at the Commission). However, operations at the authorized 0.250 kW ERP for the translator would cause the translator's 60 dBu (1 mV/m) service contour would lie outside the 2.0 mV/m service contour of KBUY's reduced power operation. Woods asks for Special Temporary Authority to operate the K290AY construction permit facility at 0.020 kW (reduced from 0.250 kW), to maintain the translator's new service contour within the temporarily reduced 2.0 mV/m contour of KBUY.

The request for Special Temporary Authority is DENIED. It has long been the practice of the Commission to limit STA operations such that the STA service area remains within (or substantially close to) the size and extent of the licensed service contour. The present request – even at the reduced ERP of 0.020 kW – represents a major expansion in the translator's service area toward the northward. Further, because of the location of the new transmitter site at the edge of the translator's licensed 60 dBu service contour, there is no practical power level that the STA operation could reduce to that would keep the STA 60 dBu within that of the licensed facility. Woods must await the restoration of licensed service by KBUY, at which time

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<sup>1</sup> KBUY (AM) is licensed to Walton Stations – New Mexico, Inc. In the most recent KBUY STA request (BSTA-20150126ACE), KBUY advised that it expected to resolve its transmitter issues "within 3 weeks."

K290AY can commence program test operations under its license application BLFT-20150227AAM.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dale Bickel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dale" and last name "Bickel" clearly distinguishable.

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