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Alaska Educational Radio System, Inc.
c/o Wolfgang Kurtz
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Seward, AK 99664-9731

Re: KABN-FM, Kasilof, AK
Alaska Educational Radio System, Inc.
Facility Identification Number: 93588
Special Temporary Authority
BSTA-20150518ADB ¹

Dear Mr. Kurtz:

This is in reference to the request filed May 18, 2015, by Alaska Educational Radio System, Inc. ("AERS"). AERS requests special temporary authority ("STA") to allow KABN-FM to continue operation at reduced power, as previously authorized under license BSTA-20140321AEB. AERS states that it does not have the funds to restore full power operation and is awaiting the outcome of an assignment application.

The request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KABN-FM may continue to operate at reduced power. AERS must notify the Commission if licensed operation is restored. AERS must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. See 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on January 18, 2016.

¹ The present STA request was filed seeking extension of STA BSTA-20140321AEB for operation at reduced power. However, the last extension of the previous STA request (BESTA-20140903AGK) expired March 16, 2015. Two months elapsed between that expiration date and the current filing. Because of this gap, this request is being treated as a new request for STA, with the file number prefix corrected from BESTA- to BSTA-. This STA will not cover operations during the period March 17 to May 17, 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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