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Bryan Broadcasting License Corporation P.O. Box 3248 Bryan, TX 77805-3248

> Re: Bryan Broadcasting License Corporation KZNE(AM), College Station, Texas Facility Identification Number: 7632 Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed July 7, 2015 on behalf of Bryan Broadcasting License Corporation ("Bryan"). Bryan requests special temporary authority ("STA") for operation of station KZNE(AM) during daytime hours with reduced power and during nighttime hours with an emergency antenna operation or with parameters at variance.¹ In support of the request, Bryan states in order to permit continued service while the construction permit (BP-20100712ABU) to combine KWBC(AM) into the KZNE(AM) system is implemented, an STA is requested for KZNE(AM) to operate non-directionally during daytime hours at reduced power if necessary. In addition, STA is requested to operate KZNE(AM)'s nighttime directional pattern during nighttime hours with parameters at variance, and at reduce power if necessary, as well as nighttime non-directional operation at a power level of 0.125 kilowatt when necessary.

Accordingly, only a portion of the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KZNE(AM) may operate non-directionally during daytime hours with reduced power and may operate during nighttime hours with an emergency antenna operation. Specifically, during nighttime hours the station can operate non-directionally from one of the towers in the array with a power level not to exceed 0.125 kilowatt. If the station requires operation with parameters at variance at night during the construction process it can always request modification of its STA. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Bryan must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² Bryan 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 January 26, 2016.

¹ KZNE(AM) is licensed for operation on 1150 kHz with a daytime power of 1 kilowatt and a nighttime power of 0.5 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DAN-U).

² See 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)

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: David Oxenford, Esq. (via email only)