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Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC  
27 William Street  
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New York, NY 10005

Re: Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC  
KCHN(AM), Brookshire, TX  
Facility Identification Number: 68124  
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed August 31, 2015, on behalf of Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC ("Multicultural"). Multicultural requests special temporary authority ("STA") pursuant to Sections 73.1635 and 73.1615(B)(6) of the Commission's Rules to operate KCHN(AM) with parameters at variance and/or reduced power from its licensed technical parameters.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, Multicultural states that an examination of the KCHN(AM) ground system revealed that it needed upgrading. The upgrading of the ground system then caused the impedances of the towers to change and therefore in preparation for a Method of Moments proof, Multicultural is currently operating the station at variance until an application for a new FCC license is submitted. Thus, Multicultural is requesting STA to continue to operate with parameters at variance until the station files and the FCC acts on its application for a new license.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KCHN(AM) may continue to operate with parameters at variance during daytime hours. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Multicultural must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> Multicultural 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.

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<sup>1</sup> KCHN(AM) is licensed for daytime only operation on 1050 kHz, with a power of 0.41 kilowatt, and employing a directional antenna pattern (DAD-D).

<sup>2</sup> *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)

This authority expires on **March 16, 2016**.

**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: Mark N. Lipp, Esq. (via email only)