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Jan Charles Gray
Mt. Rushmore Broadcasting, Inc.
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Casper, WY 82602

Re: KMLD (FM), Casper, WY
Mt. Rushmore Broadcasting, Inc.
Facility Identification Number: 11927
Special Temporary Authority
BESTA-20151214ACI

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to the request filed December 14, 2015, on behalf of Mt. Rushmore Broadcasting, Inc. ("MRB"). MRB requests a fifth extension of the June 3, 2013 special temporary authority (STA) for temporary facilities.¹ MRB has been granted construction permit BPH-20141215ABT (on January 20, 2015) for a permanent site but that facility has not yet been implemented.

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.

¹ KMLD originally went silent on October 27, 2011, and was granted an STA to remain silent on January 19, 2012 (BLSTA-20111031AJE) which was subsequently extended. On October 12, 2012, MRB filed an STA request for temporary reduced facilities at a different transmitter site (BSTA-20121012AAR) which was granted October 16, 2012. After only a few days of (presumed) operation, MRB again requested an STA to remain silent (BLSTA-20121121ART), granted January 13, 2013 with an expiration date of July 2, 2013. The STA request (BSTA-20130530AKW, granted June 3, 2013, approved a temporary reduced facility STA from yet another transmitter site, and that STA was last extended on June 17, 2015 (BESTA-20150605ABC).

KMLD is licensed to operate with 65 kW ERP (maximum, beam tilt) at an antenna height above average terrain (HAAT) of 582 meters.

Our review indicates that the licensee continues to take steps toward restoring permanent operation. Extension of the STA is warranted, and the STA extension IS GRANTED. We expect that MRB shall continue the temporary operation authorized herein without interruption, through the six month term of this STA or until the licensee restores permanent, authorized operation. Extension requests for this STA may be granted by the staff if circumstances warrant.

Specifically, the STA is extended for continued operation with the following facilities (some parameters corrected from the original May 30, 2013 STA request):

Geographic coordinates:	42° 44' 37" N, 106° 18' 31" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	233 (94.5 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.150 kilowatt (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above average terrain:	523 meters
above mean sea level:	2473 meters
above ground:	33 meters
Antenna Structure Registration No. (ASRN):	1001086

MRB 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 June 15, 2016.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mark N. Lipp (via e-mail only)