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Foster Charitable Foundation, Inc.  
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Re: KRVL (FM), Kerrville, TX  
Foster Charitable Foundation, Inc.  
Facility Identification Number: 25380  
Special Temporary Authority  
BSTA-20160108AAP

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to the request filed January 8, 2016, on behalf of Foster Charitable Foundation, Inc. ("FCF"). FCF requests Special Temporary Authority to operate a temporary facility from an existing tower 19.7 km south in order to maintain station operations. The licensed facility was recently silenced by a lightning strike.<sup>1</sup>

Under the circumstances given in the request, we conclude that an STA for the temporary facilities requested is warranted, and the STA IS GRANTED. We expect that KRVL will continue the temporary operation authorized herein, through the term of this STA period or until the licensee resumes permanent operations at its licensed site. Extension requests for this STA may be granted by the staff if circumstances warrant.

Accordingly, FCF may operate KRVL with the following temporary facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	30° 04' 27" N, 99° 07' 42" W (NAD 27)
Channel	232 (94.1 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.5 kW (H&V) circularly polarized, omnidirectional
Antenna height:	
above ground:	16 meters
above mean sea level:	600 meters
above average terrain:	31 meters
Tower height above ground level:	21 meters

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<sup>1</sup> By letter dated January 12, 2016, I requested additional information relating to this STA request. That request stemmed from a data error, now corrected, and no reply to that request is necessary.

FCF 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. FCF must notify the Commission when licensed operations have resumed,

**This authority expires on July 12, 2016.**

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**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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