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Re:

Request for Extension of Single Sideband Suppressed Carrier

Broadcast Experimental Authorization

Radio Station KOJB(FM-NCE), Cass Lake, MN

Facility ID No. 173472

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, licensee of Station KOJB(FM), Cass Lake, Minnesota, pursuant to FCC Rule 5.203, is a request for a one-year extension of its "broadcast experimental authorization" for testing of single sideband suppressed carrier ("SSBSC") modulation of the stereophonic subcarrier in the multiplex baseband signal on KOJB. The initial authorization was granted by letter dated September 9, 2013, from Susan N. Crawford, Assistant Chief of the Audio Division of the Media Bureau. The authorization was extended by letter from Ms. Crawford dated January 27, 2015 (the "Extension Letter"). A copy of the Letter and the Extension Letter are attached along with the report from KOJB's Chief Engineer, Bob Ryan, detailing the methodology employed and the results obtained.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, kindly communicate directly with this office.

Very truly yours,

Melodie A. Virtue

MAV/cll Attachment

ce: Susan N. Crawford (pdf copy via email Susan.Crawford@fcc.gov)



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Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, licensee of Station KOJB(FM), Cass Lake, Minnesota, pursuant to FCC Rule 5.203, we hereby respectfully request a one-year extension of its "broadcast experimental authorization" initially issued in the letter dated September 9, 2013, from Susan N. Crawford, Assistant Chief, Audio Division of the Media Bureau (the "Letter"), for testing of single sideband suppressed carrier ("SSBSC") modulation of the stereophonic subcarrier in the multiplex baseband signal on KOJB. The authorization was extended by letter from Ms. Crawford dated January 27, 2015 (the "Extension Letter"). A copy of the Letter and the Extension Letter are attached along with the report from KOBJ's Chief Engineer, Bob Ryan, detailing the methodology employed and the results obtained.

No filing fee is required for this extension request.

Questions relating to this request may be directed to Brad Walhof, Station Manager, Radio Station KOJB, (218) 335-7252, email, Brad.Walhof@llojibwe.org.

Applicant hereby certifies that neither the applicant nor any party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862.

I certify that the statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.



Respectfully submitted,

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Carri Jones Chairwoman

Attachments (3)

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MEDIA BUREAU AUDIO DIVISION APPLICATION STATUS: (202) 418-2730 HOME PAGE: www.fcc.gov/mb/audio/ PROCESSING ENGINEER: Susan N. Crawford TELEPHONE: (202) 418-2754 GROUP FACSIMILE: (202) 418-1411 INTERNET ADDRESS: Susan.Crawford@fcc.gov

September 9, 2013

Melodie A. Virtue, Esquire Garvey Schubert Barer 1000 Potomac Street, NW Fifth Floor, Flour Mill Building Washington, DC 20007-3501

> Re: KOJB(FM), Cass Lake, Minnesota Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Facility ID No. 173472 File No. 20130603BKB

> > Request for Experimental Authority

Dear Counsel:

The staff has under consideration the June 3, 2013, request for experimental authority submitted on behalf of Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe ("LLBOO"), licensee of noncommercial educational FM Station KOJB(FM), Cass Lake, Minnesota, to permit Station KOJB(FM) to conduct testing of single sideband multiplex stereo transmission. The experimental authority is requested pursuant to Section 5.203 of the Commission's Rules² for a period of one year.

The request states that LLBOO is seeking experimental authority to operate Station KOJB(FM) with a technology developed by Omnia Audio known as single sideband suppressed carrier ("SSBSC") modulation of the stereo subcarrier in the FM multiplex baseband signal to test whether multipath interference can be reduced through a reduction of occupied bandwidth and sideband pairs of the modulated carrier.

The subject request for experimental authority meets the requirements for experimental operations set forth in Section 5.203.³ Accordingly, the request is HEREBY GRANTED. This experimental authority expires on **September 9, 2014**. This authority is specifically conditioned on the lack of objectionable interference. A report detailing the methodology employed and the

¹ File Number BLED-20110920ABY.

² 47 C.F.R. § 5.203.

³ *Id*.

results obtained must be submitted within 90 days following the conclusion of the experimental operation. Any request for extension of this experimental authority should be filed at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the authority. Additionally, an extension request must include an interim version of the aforementioned report that details the progress of the experimental operation as of the filing date of the request.

Sincerely,

Susan N. Crawford Assistant Chief

Audio Division Media Bureau

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cc: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

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January 27, 2015

Melodie A. Virtue, Esq. Garvey Schubert Barer 1000 Potomac Street, NW Fifth Floor, Flour Mill Building Washington, DC 20007-3501

> Re: KOJB(FM), Cass Lake, Minnesota Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Facility ID No. 173472 File No. 20140804AEE

> > Request for Extension of Experimental Authority

Dear Counsel:

The staff has under consideration the August 4, 2014, request for extension of experimental authority¹ submitted on behalf of Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe ("LLBOO"), licensee of noncommercial educational FM Station KOJB(FM), Cass Lake, Minnesota,² to permit Station KOJB(FM) to continue to conduct testing of single sideband multiplex stereo transmission. The experimental authority is requested pursuant to Section 5.203 of the Commission's Rules³ for a period of one year.

The request states that LLBOO is seeking further experimental authority to continue to operate Station KOJB(FM) with a technology developed by Omnia Audio known as single sideband suppressed carrier ("SSBSC") modulation of the stereo subcarrier in the FM multiplex baseband signal for further testing. In support of the extension request, LLBOO submitted an interim report detailing the progress and results of the testing undertaken during the experimental program as required by the experimental authorization.

¹ File No. 20130603BKB.

² File No. BLED-20110920ABY.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 5.203 ("Section 5.203").

The subject request for extension of experimental authority meets the requirements for experimental operations set forth in Section 5.203. Accordingly, the request is HEREBY GRANTED. This experimental authority expires on **January 27, 2016**. This authority is specifically conditioned on the lack of objectionable interference. A report detailing the methodology employed and the results obtained must be submitted within 90 days following the conclusion of the experimental operation. Any request for further extension of this experimental authority should be filed at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the authority. Additionally, an extension request must include an interim report that details the progress of the experimental operation as of the filing date of the request.

Sincerely,

Susan N. Crawford

Audio Division Media Bureau

cc: Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



SSBSC Report 12-1-2015

On September 9, 2013 the FCC granted KOJB's request for single sideband suppressed carrier modulation experimental authority. An extension was filed for and granted January 27, 2015. As of December 1, 2015 KQJB has continued to operate in the SSBSC mode for approximately 19180 hours (since September 2013). Suppression was accomplished using a Omnia 11 audio processor, a Nautel NV 7.5 solid state transmitter, and a Shively 6 bay Antenna. Approximate costs of the Omnia 11 processor, mileage, and labor are \$16,000 to date. Transmitter output power is 4KVV with a radiated output power of 18kw. Drive and fixed location tests were accomplished using a Sangean WR-2 receiver and Alpine CD 105 receiver. The intended goal of this effort was to reduce perceived multipath of the FM channel through a reduction of occupied bandwidth and sideband pairs of the modulated carrier. Drive testing was again done in approximately 10 percent of the KOJB city grade coverage area with and without SSBSC options activated. These areas were chosen due to known and observed multipathing. In all areas there was a perceived decrease in multipathing interference. Coverage was also improved in difficult to penetrate structures. We continue to have no complaints of interoperability with radios, loss of audio fidelity, or interference with adjacent channels. Therefore KOJB would like to request an extension of the experimental authority to operate and continue testing the SSBSC technology.

Bob Ryan

Chief Engineer

KOJB Radio