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Liberman Broadcasting of Dallas License LLC
1845 Empire Avenue
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Re: Liberman Broadcasting of Dallas License LLC
KZMP(AM), University Park, Texas
Facility Identification Number: 63551
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed March 1, 2016, on behalf of Liberman Broadcasting of Dallas License LLC ("LBD"). LBD requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ In support of the request, LBD states that KZMP(AM) operates with different directional antenna patterns day and night. The KZMP(AM) antenna system has been damaged by a fire that destroyed the antenna tuning unit at a tower that is used by both the daytime and nighttime patterns. Therefore, LBD requests STA to operation KZMP(AM) with emergency antenna facilities.

Specifically, KZMP(AM) proposes a non-directional operation by using one of the other towers as an emergency antenna. The station proposes to operate daytime with a power that does not exceed 8 kilowatts and a nighttime power that does not exceed 187.5 watts.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provide for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued used of an emergency antenna is filled with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(1) states that AM stations may use a horizontal or vertical wire or a nondirectional vertical element of a directional antenna as an emergency antenna. AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna or a horizontal or vertical wire pursuant to this section, in lieu or authorized directional facilities, shall operate with power reduced to 25% or less of the nominal licensed power, or, a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth for the corresponding hours of directional operation.

¹ KZMP(AM) is licensed for operation on 1540 kHz with a daytime power of 32 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.75 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KZMP(AM) may operate during daytime and nighttime hours with an emergency non-directional antenna by employing one of the other towers in the directional array. The daytime nondirectional power must not exceed 8 kilowatts and the nighttime power must not exceed 187.5 watts. It will be necessary to further reduce or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. LBD 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 **August 29, 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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