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April 18, 2016

Alvin Souder, VP of Managing Member  
High Desert Broadcasting LLC  
715 Broadway, Suite 320  
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Re: High Desert Broadcasting LLC (HDB)  
KUTY(AM), Palmdale, CA  
Facility Identification Number: 22011  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA-20160324ABE

Dear Mr. Souder:

This is in reference to the request filed on March 24, 2016. HDB requests a fourth extension of the STA granted on January 24, 2014, to operate station KUTY(AM) with an emergency ND antenna due to the collapse of one tower and the subsequent theft of the ground system and other equipment.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, HDB states that it is in the process of determining if it will be able to file an FCC Form 301 application to replace all the damaged equipment (tower, ground system, etc...) to resume licensed operations, or modify the facility, or sell to another licensee to make that decision.

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.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and station KUTY(AM) may continue to operate with an emergency ND antenna and reduced power not to

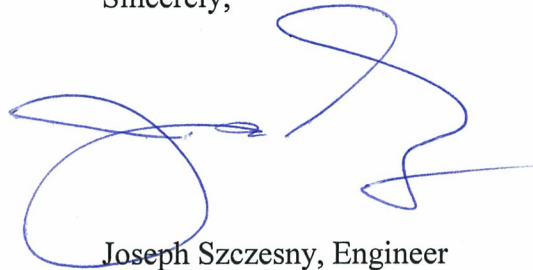
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<sup>1</sup> KUTY(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 1470 kHz with 5 kW (day and night).

exceed 1.25 kW (day and night). It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. HDB 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. HDB will need to file an FCC Form 301 application to modify the licensed facility (or to authorize replacement of all damaged equipment), or to confirm if the station is being sold to another licensee that plans on filing the application.

This authority expires on **October 18, 2016**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large loop on the left and a more complex, scribbled shape on the right.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
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cc: David Oxenford, Esq., WBK LLP (via e-mail)