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Gold Coast Broadcasting LLC
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Re: Gold Coast Broadcasting LLC
KVTA(AM), Ventura, CA
Facility Identification Number: 7746
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed July 12, 2016, on behalf of Gold Coast Broadcasting LLC ("GCB"). GCB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KVTA(AM) with nighttime parameters at variance from licensed values.¹

In support of the request, GCB states that the controller board that controls pattern switching for KVTA(AM) failed with the pattern set in the day mode. This failure has left KVTA(AM) with no means to switch to its nighttime pattern. Therefore, KVTA(AM) requests STA to operate nighttime with its daytime pattern and with its power reduced to 200 watts. No changes to the licensed daytime facility are requested.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KVTA(AM) may operate with nighttime parameters at variance from licensed values. Specifically, the station may employ the daytime pattern during nighttime hours but with a reduced power 200 watts. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. GCB must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² GCB must also 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.

¹ KVTA(AM) is licensed for operation on 1590 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)

This authority expires on **January 11, 2017**.


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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cc: David Oxenford, Esq. (via email only)