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October 17, 2016

Midwest Communications, Inc.
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Re: KELQ (FM), Flandreau, SD
Midwest Communications, Inc.
Facility Identification Number: 36933
Special Temporary Authority
BSTA-20161013ABA

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to the request filed on October 13, 2016, on behalf of Midwest Communications, Inc. ("MC"). MC explains that KELQ is currently operating at reduced power due to transmitter damage caused by a recent storm. MCI requests Special Temporary Authority (STA) for continued reduced power operation until repairs are completed.

Section 73.1560(d), which governs reduced power operation, states:

In the event it becomes technically impossible to operate at authorized power, a broadcast station may operate at reduced power for a period of not more than 30 days without specific authority from the FCC. If operation at reduced power will exceed 10 consecutive days, notification must be made to the FCC in Washington, DC, Attention: Audio Division (radio) or Video Division (television), Media Bureau, not later than the 10th day of the lower power operation. In the event that normal power is restored within the 30 day period, the licensee must notify the FCC of the date that normal operation was restored. If causes beyond the control of the licensee prevent restoration of the authorized power within 30 days, a request for Special Temporary Authority (see Section 73.1635) must be made to the FCC in Washington, DC for additional time as may be necessary.

Our review indicates that the request complies with Section 73.1560(d).

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KELQ may continue to operate at reduced power, as needed. MCI must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. MCI 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.

This authority expires on April 15, 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dale Bickel". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Bickel
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cc: John S. Neely (via e-mail only)