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Seattle FCC License Sub, LLC  
3415 University Avenue, West  
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Re: Seattle FCC License Sub, LLC  
KKNW(AM), Seattle, WA  
Facility Identification Number: 57834  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed November 14, 2016, on behalf of Seattle FCC License Sub, LLC ("SFL"). SFL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KKNW(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, SFL states that changes have been noticed in the KKNW(AM) nighttime directional antenna monitor point field strengths following the recent construction of a power line near the transmitter site. The power line was placed there as part of a project to construct a new light rail station on nearby property, which is expected to commence in the first quarter of 2017. Therefore, KKNW(AM) requests STA for operation with directional antenna parameters at variance from their licensed values and/or reduced antenna input power as necessary to maintain all monitor points within their licensed maximum values.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KKNW(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. SFL must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> SFL 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.

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<sup>1</sup> KKNW(AM) is licensed for operation on 1150 kHz with a daytime power of 10 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 6 kilowatts, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

<sup>2</sup> *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)

This authority expires on **May 16, 2017**.

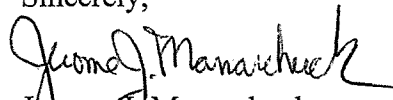
**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice 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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