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Entercom License, LLC 401 E. City Avenue Suite 809 Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Re:

Entercom License, LLC KMBZ(AM), Kansas City, MO Facility Identification Number: 6382 Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed February 9, 2017, on behalf of Entercom License, LLC ("Entercom"). Entercom requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KMBZ(AM) from an alternate site location, as the station's licensed tower must be dismantled by May of this year.¹

In support of the request, Entercom states that KMBZ(AM) was granted a construction permit (BP-20140729ACZ), which authorizes a new transmitter location and daytime power increase for KMBZ(AM). Since the station's currently licensed tower must be dismantled, KMBZ(AM) is requesting STA operation from the authorized construction permit site using the authorized daytime non-directional antenna. A daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 1.25 kilowatts are requested.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area² without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

¹ KMBZ(AM) is licensed for operation on 980 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U). The station is also authorized by construction permit (BP-20140729ACZ) to operate from a different site location with a daytime power of 9 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

 $^{^{2}}$ For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED. Station KMBZ(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	39° 02′ 25″ N, 94° 30′ 30″ W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	980 KHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	5 kilowatts (daytime), 1.25 kilowatts (nighttime)
Antenna type	Existing tower
ASRN	1034740
Antenna efficiency	322.51 mV/m/kW/km

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KMBZ(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KMBZ(AM) 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 22, 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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