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Townsquare Media San Angelo License, LLC  
240 Greenwich Avenue  
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Re: Townsquare Media San Angelo License, LLC  
KGKL(AM), San Angelo, Texas  
Facility Identification Number: 34464  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed February 15, 2017, on behalf of Townsquare Media San Angelo License, LLC ("Townsquare"). Townsquare requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate KGKL(AM) with parameters at variance. Specifically, KGKL(AM) requests operation during daytime hours with reduced power and during nighttime hours with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, Townsquare states that due to the failure of an RF contactor in an antenna tuning unit (ATU), the station has been operating non-directionally, day and night with a reduced power of 250 watts. Townsquare requests STA to continue such operations until the necessary repairs are made.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provide for operation with emergency antenna facilities, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filled with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(1) states that AM stations may use a horizontal or vertical wire or a nondirectional vertical element of a directional antenna as an emergency antenna. AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna or a horizontal or vertical wire pursuant to this section, in lieu or authorized directional facilities, shall operate with power reduced to 25% or less of the nominal licensed power, or, a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth for the corresponding hours of directional operation.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KGKL(AM) may continue to

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<sup>1</sup> KGKL(AM) is licensed for operation on 960 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

operate non-directionally and with a reduced power of 250 watts both daytime and nighttime. It will be necessary to further reduce or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Townsquare 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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