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Radio License Holdings LLC
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Re: Radio License Holdings LLC
KABC(AM), Los Angeles, CA
Facility Identification Number: 33254
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed February 16, 2017, on behalf of Radio License Holdings LLC ("RLH"). RLH requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KABC(AM) from an alternate site location with a different antenna system.¹ In support of the request, KABC(AM) states that an STA is necessary due to the scheduled demolition of the licensed tower site. Therefore, non-directional daytime and nighttime operation is proposed from the station's authorized construction permit site (BP-20151013ABI).

Specifically, station KABC(AM) is requesting STA for non-directional operation from an existing tower (ASRN: 1015922) at the authorized construction permit site. Station KABC(AM) is requesting STA operation with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 3.5 kilowatts.

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 KABC(AM) is licensed for operation on 790 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U). The station is also authorized by construction permit (BP-20151013ABI) to operate on 790 kHz from a different location with a daytime power of 6.6 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 6.8 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 KABC(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	34° 01' 10" N, 118° 20' 44" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	790 KHz
Hours of operation	Daytime and Nighttime
Operating power	5 kilowatts (daytime), 3.5 kilowatts (nighttime)
Antenna type	Existing tower
ASRN	1015922
Antenna radiator height	111.5 meter
Antenna electrical height	105.8°
Antenna efficiency	287.101 mV/m/kW/km

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KABC(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KABC(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 23, 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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