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In Reply Refer to:
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Mr. David Martin Phillip
Rufus Resources, LLC
201 North Panna Maria Avenue
Karnes City, Texas 78118

In Re: KMFR(AM), Pearsall, Texas
Facility ID No. 52048
Request for Special Temporary
Authorization
File No. BLSTA-20170215AAU

Dear Mr. Phillip:

This letter refers to the February 15, 2017, request for Special Temporary Authority (STA Request) filed on behalf of Rufus Resources, LLC (Licensee), licensee of expired Station KMFR(AM), Pearsall, Texas (Station).

An application for renewal of the Station's license was to be filed by September 26, 2016, four months prior to the January 26, 2017, expiration¹ of the Station's license. No such application was filed, and the Station's license expired on January 26, 2017.

Subsequent to the expiration of the Station's license, Licensee filed the subject STA Request and, ultimately, a license renewal application for the Station.² In the STA Request, Licensee states that it recently acquired the Station and inadvertently overlooked the requirement to file a license renewal application to cover the "short-term" license term previously authorized by the Commission in granting the Station's previous license renewal application.³ In the STA request, Licensee requests authority for the Station to remain on the air while its license renewal application is processed.

Under Section 309(f) of the Communications Act,⁴ when an appropriate application has been filed, the Commission may grant special temporary authorization if it finds that there are extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary operations in the public interest and that delay in the institution of such temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest. In this case, we believe that the public interest in continuing KMFR(AM)'s service to residents of Pearsall, Texas warrants resumed operation of the station pending consideration and disposition of the (untimely) renewal application.

¹ See *San Antonio Radioworks*, Letter Decision, Reference 1800B3-TH (MB Jan. 26, 2015).

² See File No. BR-20170303AAN


³ See STA Request, Exhibit 38.

⁴ 47 U.S.C. § 309(f).

Accordingly, the February 15, 2017, request for Special Temporary Authorization filed on behalf of Rufus Resources, LLC, IS GRANTED, and it may continue operation of Station KMFR(AM), Pearsall, Texas, with the facilities for which the license expired on January 26, 2017.

This authorization will expire: (1) 180 days from the date of this letter; or (2) upon action on the pending KMFR(AM) license renewal application, whichever is sooner. Grant of this authorization is without prejudice to whatever action, if any, the staff deems appropriate in light of the failure to file a timely license renewal application for KMFR(AM).

Sincerely,


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Media Bureau

cc: Anne Goodwin Crump, Esq.