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El Camino Communications, LLC  
133 Jackson St. NE  
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Re: El Camino Communications, LLC  
KKNS(AM), Corrales, NM  
Facility Identification Number: 7050  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed April 3, 2017, on behalf of El Camino Communications, LLC ("ECC"). ECC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KKNS(AM) from an alternate site location with a different antenna system.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, KKNS(AM) states that its licensed site is no longer available to ECC as the site owner does not want KKNS(AM) operating from the site. Therefore, the station is requesting an STA to operate non-directionally from the station's authorized construction permit site (BP-20151230APJ).

Specifically, station KKNS(AM) is requesting STA for non-directional operation from an existing 54.02 meter tower at the authorized construction permit location. Station KKNS(AM) is requesting STA operation with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.082 kilowatt.

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 area<sup>2</sup> without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

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<sup>1</sup> KKNS(AM) is licensed for operation on 1310 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.5 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U). The station is also authorized by construction permit (BP-20151230APJ) to operate on 1310 kHz from a different location with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.082 kilowatt employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND2-U).

<sup>2</sup> For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED, however the daytime power can not exceed 3.5 kilowatts and the nighttime power can not exceed 0.05 kilowatt. Station KKNS(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	35° 07' 56" N, 106° 37' 18" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1310 KHz
Hours of operation	Daytime and Nighttime
Operating power	3.5 kilowatts (daytime), 0.05 kilowatt (nighttime)
Antenna type	Existing tower
Antenna radiator height	51.82 meters
Antenna electrical height	81.46°
Antenna efficiency	283.98 mV/m/kW/at 1 km

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KKNS(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KKNS(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. In light of the lapse of time between the expiration of the prior STA extension (BESTA-20160822AAZ) and the filing of the instant request, the authority granted will not cover the period between the expiration of the prior STA extension and the filing of the instant request.

This authority expires on **October 14, 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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