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Chapparral Broadcasting Company
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Re: KEZQ (FM), West Yellowstone, MT
Chapparral Broadcasting Company
Facility Identification Number: 23306
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BSTA-20171215ABA

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to the request filed on behalf of Chapparral Broadcasting Company ("CBC") on December 15, 2017. CBC requests reinstatement of STA BSTA-20160425ABJ, which expired October 23, 2016, and asks for a six month extension.

As more than a year has passed since the previous STA lapsed, reinstatement is not appropriate. However, we will consider this as a new request for STA.

The new request for STA IS GRANTED. Station KEZQ may operate with the following facilities, as needed:

Geographic coordinates:	44° 38' 56" N, 111° 05' 50" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	225 (92.9 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.068 kilowatt (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	72 meters
above mean sea level:	2104 meters
above average terrain:	-51 meters
Antenna Structure Registration No.:	1006712

CBC shall use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines.

This authority expires June 17, 2018. The new STA does not imply any approval for KEZQ's unauthorized operations between October 24, 2016 and the present. CBC shall take measures to insure that an extension request (if needed) is timely filed in June, 2018.

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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cc: David Tillotson (via e-mail only)