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December 29, 2017

John Q. Hearne, President of Member  
High Desert Broadcasting LLC  
715 Broadway, Suite 320  
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Re: High Desert Broadcasting LLC (HDB)  
KUTY(AM), Palmdale, CA  
Facility Identification Number: 22011  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA-20171204ADU

Dear Mr. Hearne:

This is in reference to the request filed on December 4, 2017. HDB requests a further extension of the STA granted on January 24, 2014, to continue to operate ND due a tower collapse and ground system damage pending the filing of the required FCC Form 302 application to update all operating parameters.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, HDB states that additional time is needed to install a replacement tower along with all other required repairs before it can resume licensed operations (or file an FCC Form 301 application to co-locate with another existing station).

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.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and HDB may continue to operate ND with a maximum of 1.25 kW day and night. HDB must further reduce

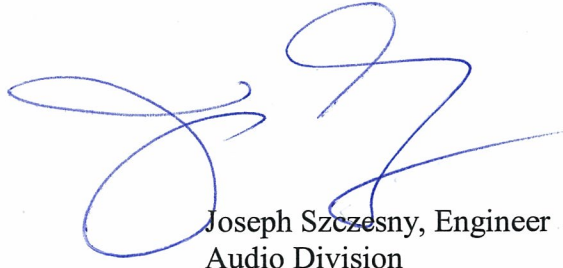
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<sup>1</sup> KUTY(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 1470 kHz with 5 kW (day and night) using different patterns.

power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received, and 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 **June 29, 2018**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a series of loops and a final horizontal stroke.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
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cc: David Oxenford, Esq., WBK LLP (via e-mail)