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Marfa Public Radio
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Re: KRTP (FM), Alpine, TX
Marfa Public Radio
Facility Identification Number: 173345
Special Temporary Authority
BSTA-20180111AEL
(Application prefix corrected)

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to the request filed on January 11, 2018, on behalf of Marfa Public Radio (“MPR”). MPR requests an extension of the Special Temporary Authority (STA) granted September 23, 2016 under file number BSTA-20160919ADQ for reduced power operation, pending the completion of transmitter and transmission system repairs are completed.

This filing is made far too late to be considered as an extension of the earlier STA BSTA-20160919ADQ, which expired on March 22, 2017. However, we will consider this request as a new STA request for reduced power operation (correcting the file number prefix from BESTA- to BSTA-.) The grant of this STA request does not cover any operation with parameters (other than those specified on the station license) between March 23, 2017 and the present.

Section 73.1560(d), which governs reduced power operation, states:

In the event it becomes technically impossible to operate at authorized power, a broadcast station may operate at reduced power for a period of not more than 30 days without specific authority from the FCC. If operation at reduced power will exceed 10 consecutive days, notification must be made to the FCC in Washington, DC, Attention: Audio Division (radio) or Video Division (television), Media Bureau, not later than the 10th day of the lower power operation. In the event that normal power is restored within the 30 day period, the licensee must notify the FCC of the date that normal operation was restored. If causes beyond the control of the licensee prevent restoration of the authorized power within 30 days, a request for Special Temporary Authority (see Section 73.1635) must be made to the FCC in Washington, DC for additional time as may be necessary.

Our review indicates that the request complies with Section 73.1560(d).

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KRTP may continue to operate at reduced power, as needed. MPR must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. MPR must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on July 31, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dale Bickel".

Dale Bickel
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cc: Ernest T. Sanchez (via e-mail only)