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RZ Radio, LLC  
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Re: RZ Radio, LLC  
KAVL(AM), Lancaster, California  
Facility Identification Number: 2318  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed February 21, 2018, on behalf of RZ Radio, LLC ("STA"). RRL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KAVL(AM) with parameters at variance from its licensed facilities.<sup>1</sup> Specifically, RRL requests that station KAVL(AM) be permitted to operate during nighttime hours employing the station's daytime pattern and with reduced power.

In support of the request, KAVL(AM) states that due to failed contactors in the station's phasor, pattern change is impossible. Therefore, KAVL(AM) requests STA to operate during nighttime hours with the daytime pattern and with the nighttime power reduced to 1.1 kilowatts.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KAVL(AM) may operate during nighttime hours with the stations daytime pattern, however the **nighttime power must not exceed 300 watts**. No changes are proposed to the daytime operation. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KAVL(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.<sup>2</sup> KAVL(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.

This authority expires on **August 25, 2018**.

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<sup>1</sup> KAVL(AM) is licensed for operation on 610 kHz with a daytime power of 4.9 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 4 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

<sup>2</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).

**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 Oxenford, Esq. (via email only)