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Re: Ramar Communications II, Ltd.
KSTQ-FM, Plainview, Texas
Facility Identification Number: 54684
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed March 12, 2008, on behalf of Ramar Communications II, Ltd. ("Ramar"). Ramar requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate Station KSTQ-FM with temporary facilities.¹ In support of the request, Ramar states that it is in the process of implementing modifications authorized by Construction Permit BPH-20070521AGR and that it intends to use the existing antenna; however, the antenna must be returned to the manufacturer for modification. Ramar states that it is operating with a temporary antenna installed at the permit site. Ramar provides technical details for the proposed STA operation.

Section 73.1615, which governs operation during modification of facilities, provides that licensees holding construction permits for modification of directional or nondirectional FM and TV or nondirectional AM facilities may discontinue operation, may operate with temporary facilities to maintain, as nearly as possible, but not exceed, the size of the currently licensed coverage area. Such operation may commence upon notification to the FCC, and may continue for a period not exceeding 30 days. Should it be necessary to continue such operation beyond 30 days, a request for STA must be filed prior to the 30th day. Our review indicates that the proposed STA operation meets the requirements of Section 73.1615.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KSTQ-FM may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	33° 51' 46" N, 101° 40' 08" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	247 (97.3 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	1 kilowatt (H&V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	220 meters
above mean sea level:	1218 meters

¹ KSTQ-FM is licensed to Plainview, Texas, for operation on Channel 247C1 (97.3 MHz) with effective radiated power ("ERP") of 100 kW (H), 98 kW (V) and antenna height above average terrain ("HAAT") of 226 meters. Construction Permit BPH-20070521AGR authorizes relocation of the station to New Deal, relocation of the transmitter, and operation on Channel 247C2 with ERP of 32 kW (Max-DA, H&V) and HAAT of 187 meters.

Above average terrain: 228 meters

Ramar must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. Ramar 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 **June 21, 2008**.

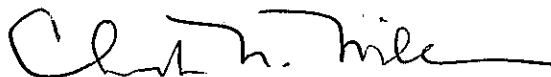
STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice 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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