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Endurance Broadcasting, LLC
C/O Dan Smith
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Re: Endurance Broadcasting, LLC
KLBB(AM), Stillwater, MN
Facility Identification Number: 60646
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed March 28, 2019, on behalf of Endurance Broadcasting, LLC ("EBL"). EBL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KLBB(AM) from an alternate site location with a temporary long wire antenna.¹ In support of the request, EBL states that KLBB(AM) lost its licensed transmitter site and therefore seeks STA to operate from a temporary location with a long-wire antenna. The station has lost the use of its licensed antenna system and has been silent since March 31, 2018. Therefore, KLBB(AM) is requesting STA to commence broadcast operations before 12:01 a.m., April 1, 2019 or its license will expire as a matter of law.

Specifically, KLBB(AM) proposes to operate from a site located 2.4 kilometers from its currently licensed site. Operation is proposed with a 70 foot (21 meters) long wire antenna on a building rooftop located at 104 Main Street in Stillwater, Minnesota. Daytime and nighttime operation is requested with a power of 20 watts. The station was recently granted an STA to operate with a power of 60 watts, however the station is unable to make the 60 watts of operating power.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area² without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the

¹ KLBB(AM) is licensed for operation on 1220 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.25 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND1-U).

² For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED and BSTA-20190325AAJ is SUPERSEDED. Station KLBB(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	45° 04' 08" N, 92° 48' 23" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1220 kHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	0.02 kilowatt
Antenna type	70 foot (21 meters) long-wire antenna

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KLBB(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KLBB(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 **September 22, 2019**.

Notwithstanding the grant of this STA or the expiration date specified herein, the station's license will expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., April 1, 2019. *See* Pub. Law No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, Section 403(1)(1996) and *Order, Silent Station Authorizations*, FCC 96-218 (released May 17, 1996). *See also Public Notice, Expedited Processing of Applications Filed by Silent Stations*, DA 96-818 (May 22, 1996). The licensee must notify the Audio Division immediately upon resumption of broadcasting.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: John S. Neely, Esq. (via email only)