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Salem Communications Holding Corporation
4880 Santa Rosa Rd.
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Re: Salem Communications Holding Corporation
KLUP(AM), Terrell Hills, Texas
Facility Identification Number: 34975
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed April 2, 2019, on behalf of Salem Communications Holding Corporation ("Salem"). Salem requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate KLUP(AM) during daytime hours with reduced power and during nighttime hours with a non-directional antenna system and nighttime power no greater than 20% of licensed power.¹

In support of the request Salem states that replacement of the guy wires for the north tower will commence shortly and the north tower is in common to both the day and night antenna systems. Therefore, in order to facilitate replacement/repairs to guy wires, and to ensure safety of workers during the repair process, Salem requests STA to operate KLUP(AM) with parameters at variance from licensed operation. Specifically, KLUP(AM) requests a reduced power daytime operation with a power not to exceed 3 kilowatts. In addition, KLUP(AM) requests a non-directional nighttime operation from the south tower of its array with a power not to exceed 0.2 kilowatt.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KLUP(AM) may operate during daytime hours with reduced power in accordance with Section 73.1560 of the FCC rules, and at night the station may operate non-directionally with a power not to exceed 0.2 kilowatt in accordance with Section 73.1680 of the FCC rules. It will be necessary to further reduce or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Salem 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 **October 5, 2019**.

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

¹ KLUP(AM) is licensed for operation on 930 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 1 kilowatt employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

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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