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Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC
40 Exchange Place
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Re: Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC
KIQI(AM), San Francisco, CA
Facility Identification Number: 50703
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed May 6, 2019, on behalf of Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC ("MRB"). MRB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KIQI(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹

In support of its request MRB states that it holds license BZ-20020411ABB. The station also holds construction permit BMP-20181207AAR, that authorizes changes in the nighttime operation of KIQI(AM). The physical requirements for converting the directional antenna feed system equipment ("phasor" and antenna tuning units) are sufficiently complex as to require the ability to operate the system with parameters at variance, to allow the necessary construction activities to take place. Therefore, until construction is complete the station requests STA to operate with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KIQI(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor

¹ KIQI(AM) is licensed for operation on 1010 kHz with a daytime power of 10 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.5 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U). The station is also authorized by construction permit to operate with a daytime and nighttime power of 10 kilowatts employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

points within license limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. MRB 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 **November 3, 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 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: Mark N. Lipp, Esq. (via email only)