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Gold Coast Broadcasting LLC
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Re: Gold Coast Broadcasting LLC
KVTA(AM), Ventura, California
Facility Identification Number: 7746
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed May 28, 2019, on behalf of Gold Coast Broadcasting LLC ("GCB"). GCB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KVTA(AM) with parameters at variance and/or reduced power from license values.¹

In support of its request GCB states it is the permittee of FM translator station K250BV at Ventura, California and the construction permit authorizes the locating of the transmission system for the translator at the KVTA array. After construction of K250BV was complete, post construction measurements were performed on the array including phase monitor readings and field strength measurements at the monitor points. Measurements indicated larger than expected changes in the readings for the nighttime pattern and field strength readings at the monitor points were found to have changed by a greater margin than expected when compared to the pre-construction measurements. Thus, the station is requesting STA to operate the KVTA(AM) daytime and nighttime directional antenna systems with parameters at variance while GCB makes any necessary adjustments needed to the KVTA antenna system.

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

¹ KVTA(AM) is licensed for operation on 1590 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. GCB 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 **December 2, 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerome" and last name "Manarchuck" clearly legible.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: David D. Oxenford, Esq. (via email only)