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December 4, 2019

Bruce L. Merchant, President Merchant Broadcasting, Inc. 208 S. Huntington St. Sulphur, LA 70663-3334

Re:

Merchant Broadcasting, Inc. (MBI)

KEZM (AM), Sulphur, LA

Facility Identification Number: 36210 Special Temporary Authority (STA)

BESTA-20191112AAJ

Dear Mr. Merchant:

This is in reference to the request filed on November 12, 2019. MBI requests a further extension of the STA granted on July 19, 2011, to continue ND operation at an alternate site to allow time to file the required FCC Form 301 application (due to loss of the licensed site). In support of the request, we noted that the application was not yet filed.

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.

Accordingly, the request for extension of the STA is hereby GRANTED, and MBI may continue to operate with the following facilities:

¹ KEZM is licensed for DA operation on 1310 kHz with 0.5 kW day and 0.05 kW night.

Geographic coordinates

30° 14′ 11″ N, 93° 20′ 47″ W (NAD 1927)

Frequency

Hours of operation

Operating power

Antenna type

Antenna efficiency

Overall height

1310 KHz

Unlimited

Not to exceed 0.125 kW day/0.0125 kW night

Existing ND tower with skirt feed

201.0 mV/m/km/kW

42.6 meters

MBI must reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received, and 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 3, 2020.

Sincerely,

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer

Audio Division Media Bureau