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Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC
40 Exchange Place
Suite 1010
New York, NY 10005

Re: Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC
KALI(AM), West Covina, California
Facility Identification Number: 56779
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed November 15, 2019, on behalf of Multicultural Radio Broadcasting Licensee, LLC ("MRB"). MRB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KALI(AM) non-directionally with its daytime power reduced to 1.25 kilowatts and with its nighttime power reduced to 37.5 watts. In addition, KALI(AM) requests the option to operate with parameters at variance daytime and nighttime while maintaining monitoring points within licensed limits.

In support of the request, MRB states that KALI(AM) and KAHZ(AM) operate from a common, diplexed antenna system located in Chino, California. Due to a requirement for new antenna tower anchor foundations for one of the towers in the system, a tower common to the operation of both stations, it will be necessary for KALI(AM) to operate non-directionally with power reduced to 25% of licensed power or with parameters at variance when the guy cables are relocated from the present to the new anchors.¹ Therefore, the station requests STA to have the option to operate non-directionally with reduced power or with parameters at variance while maintaining monitoring points within licensed limits.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KALI(AM) may operate non-directionally during daytime and nighttime hours with a daytime power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts and with a nighttime power not to exceed 37.5 watts. In addition, during daytime and nighttime hours the station may operate directionally with parameters at variance while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce 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.

¹ KALI(AM) is licensed for operation on 900 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.15 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

This authority expires on **July 9, 2020**.

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, appearing to read "Jerome J. Manarchuck", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Electronics Engineer
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Mark N. Lipp, Esq. (via email only)