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Broadcast Industry Group, LLC
920 Edison Avenue
Benton, AR 72015

Re: Broadcast Industry Group LLC
KLRG(AM), Sheridan, Arkansas
Facility Identification Number: 14053
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed September 17, 2020 on behalf of Broadcast Industry Group LLC ("BIG"). BIG requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KLRG(AM) with reduced power.¹ In support of the request, BIG states it purchased KLRG(AM) last August and began repairs and rebuilding of the transmitter, building and antenna tuning unit (ATU). The transmitter has been operating stably at 31 kilowatts, but any operation of power levels above has caused VSWR trips and one small fire inside the ATU at the tower base. Additional repairs to the transmission line and the ATU are in progress currently, along with replacing and rebuilding the ATU, and complete new fencing around the tower. Therefore, until the necessary repairs are made, KLRG(AM) requests operation with a reduce daytime power of 31 kilowatts. No changes are proposed to critical hours and nighttime operations.

Section 73.1560(d), which governs reduced power operation, states:

In the event it becomes technically impossible to operate at authorized power, a broadcast station may operate at reduced power for a period of not more than 30 days without specific authority from the FCC. If operation at reduced power will exceed 10 consecutive days, notification must be made to the FCC in Washington, DC, Attention: Audio Division (radio) or Video Division (television), Media Bureau, not later than the 10th day of the lower power operation. In the event that normal power is restored within the 30 day period, the licensee must notify the FCC of the date that normal operation was restored. If causes beyond the control of the licensee prevent restoration of the authorized power within 30 days, a request for Special Temporary Authority (see Section 73.1635) must be made to the FCC in Washington, DC for additional time as may be necessary.

Our review indicates that the request complies with Section 73.1560(d).

¹ KLRG(AM) is licensed for operation on 880 kHz with a daytime power of 50 kilowatts, a critical hours power of 31 kilowatts, and a nighttime power of 0.22 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KLRG(AM) may operate with a reduced daytime power of 31 kilowatts until the necessary transmitter repairs are made. KLRG(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KLRG(AM) 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 **March 20, 2021**.

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
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cc: Barry A. Friedman, Esq. (via email only)