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Townsquare Media Billings License, LLC
1 Manhattanville Road, Suite 202
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Re: Townsquare Media Billings License, LLC
KBUL(AM), Billings, Montana
Facility Identification Number: 16772
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant

This is in reference to the request filed September 22, 2020, on behalf of Townsquare Media Billings License, LLC ("TMB"). TMB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KBUL(AM) during nighttime hours with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.¹

In support of the request, TMB states that the station is experiencing problems with its nighttime directional antenna system, and is therefore currently operating at variance and at 50 percent of licensed power at night. Until the directional antenna issue can be resolved the station requests STA to continue to operate with parameters at variance at night and with a reduced nighttime power of 2.5 kilowatts.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KBUL(AM) may operate during nighttime hours with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. No changes are proposed to the daytime operation. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. TMB 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 KBUL(AM) is licensed for operation on 970 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

This authority expires on **March 31, 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 black ink that reads "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Howard Liberman, Esq. (via email only)