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In reply refer to: 1800B3-VM

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Cultural Energy
112 Civic Plaza Drive
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In Re: KCEI(FM), Red River, NM
Facility ID No. 82299
Request for Special Temporary Authority
File No. BLSTA-20200918AAV

Dear Applicant:

This letter refers to the request for Special Temporary Authority (STA Request) filed on behalf of Cultural Energy (CE), licensee of expired Station KCEI(FM), Red River, New Mexico (Station). Based on the foregoing, this request is granted.

The Station's application for license renewal was to be filed by September 30, 2019, four months prior to the January 31, 2020, expiration of the Station's license.¹ On September 24, 2020, CE filed a license renewal application for the Station.² On September 18, 2020, CE filed the STA Request to resume Station operations pursuant to STA³ pending consideration of the Renewal Application.

In the STA request, CE indicates that it inadvertently failed to file a timely license renewal application for the Station, and it requests STA to resume Station operations pending consideration of the Renewal Application.

Under Section 309(f) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Section 309(f), when an appropriate application has been filed, the Commission may grant STA if it finds that there are extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary operation in the public interest and that delay in the institution of such temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest. In this case, we believe that the public interest in continuing the Station's broadcast service to the residents of Red River, New Mexico, warrants continued operation of the Station pending consideration and disposition of the Renewal Application.

Accordingly, the September 18, 2020, request for Special Temporary Authorization filed by Cultural Energy, IS GRANTED, and Station KCEI(FM), Red River, New Mexico may continue operation with the facilities specified in File No. BESTA-20200925AAU. This authorization will expire on the earlier of (1) 180 days from the date of this letter; or (2) upon action on the pending KCEI license renewal application. Any enforcement action in this matter will be resolved in the context of the pending license renewal application.

Sincerely,

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¹ See Letter from Albert Shuldiner, Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau, FCC, to Cultural Energy, Ref. 1800B3-VM (MB January 31, 2018) (granting File No. BRED-20130528ALJ for a two-year term).

² File No. 0000122398 (Renewal Application).

³ See File No. BESTA-20200925AAU (granted Oct. 2, 2020).