



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

March 23, 2021

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

Re: Broadcast Industry Group, LLC
KLRG(AM), Sheridan, Arkansas
Fac. ID No.:14053
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed March 22, 2021 on behalf of Broadcast Industry Group, LLC ("BIG"). BIG requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KLRG(AM) with a reduced daytime power of 31 kilowatts as authorized in BSTA-20200917AAU.¹

In support of the request, BIG states that the station's transmitter has been an ongoing problem and many repairs and module replacements have been performed. The tower and anchors have now been checked and broken insulators replaced. The tower crew is currently waiting for the weather to improve for repainting the tower and fence replacement around the tower base. In addition to the work on the transmitter, BIG has rebuilt the transmitter building electrical and ground system and is now rebuilding the antenna tuning unit. BIG must continue to operate KLRG(AM) at reduced power until all the repairs have been completed so to avoid exposure to workers and the public to high levels of RF energy. Therefore, BIG requests STA for KLRG(AM) to continue to operate during daytime and critical hours only with a power of 31 kilowatts. The station will be silent during nighttime hours.

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).

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KLRG(AM) may operate with a daytime and critical hours power of 31 kilowatts until necessary repair work is completed.

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).

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 **September 19, 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, appearing to read "Jerome J. Manarchuck", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

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