



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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IHM Licenses, LLC
7136 S. Yale Avenue
Suite 501
Tulsa, OK 74136

Re: IHM Licenses, LLC
KTSM(AM), El Paso, TX
Fac. ID No.: 69561
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed October 20, 2021, on behalf of IHM Licenses, LLC ("IHM"). IHM requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KTSM(AM) with parameters at variance from license values.¹ In support of the request, IHM states that KTSM(AM) has elected to file a new Method of Moments computer model proof of performance for both the daytime and nighttime directional antenna patterns. The required sampling system verification and matrix measurements have been completed, and the new antenna system parameters have been calculated. Therefore, the station is requesting an STA to operate KTSM(AM) at a power of 10 kilowatts day and night, with the antenna monitor parameters calculated using the computer program modeling.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KTSM(AM) may operate with antenna monitor parameters determined by its moment method model. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. IHM must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² IHM 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 **April 19, 2022**.

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

¹ KTSM(AM) is licensed for operation on 690 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 10 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)

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
Media Bureau

cc: Troy G. Langham (via email only)