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Homeslice Media Group, LLC 1612 Junction Avenue Suite 4 Sturgis, SD 57785

Re:

Homeslice Media Group, LLC KKLS(AM), Rapid City, South Dakota Facility Identification Number: 61320 Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed March 12, 2018, on behalf of Homeslice Media Group, LLC ("HMG"). HMG requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KKLS(AM) with parameters at variance from license values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within license limits.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, HMG states that a very large power line was installed by the Western Area Power Administration which greatly altered monitor point readings for KKLS(AM). Therefore, KKLS(AM) requests STA to continue to operate with reduced power in order to bring the field intensity at monitor point #1 to, or below, the licensed limit of 103 mV/m. Specifically, an STA is requested to operate with a reduced daytime power of 3.2 kilowatts and a reduced nighttime power of 0.7 kilowatt.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KKLS(AM) may operate daytime and nighttime with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> KKLS(AM) is licensed for operation on 920 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.111 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. HMG 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 10, 2018.

**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.

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cc: Dawn M. Sciarrino, Esq. (via email only)