



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Relevant Radio, Inc.
680 Barclay Boulevard
Lincolnshire, IL 60069

Re: Relevant Radio, Inc.
KIXL(AM), Del Valle, TX
Fac. ID No.: 35011
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed April 13, 2023, on behalf of Relevant Radio, Inc. ("RRI"). RRI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KIXL(AM) with parameters at variance.¹

In support of its request, RRI states that the station is in the process of replacing the phasor and antenna tuning unit associated with the station. Accordingly, the station is being forced to operate with approximately 25% of licensed power, utilizing a non-directional antenna system. Therefore, KIXL(AM) is requesting operation at variance with licensed parameters including operation at 25% of licensed power using one of the towers in the array.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED.² Station KIXL(AM) may operate with parameters at variance from licensed values. Specifically, the station may use one of the towers in its array to operate non-directionally both day and night at a power not to exceed 250 watts. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KIXL(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.

In accordance with Section 73.69(d) of the Commission's rules, immediately before the replacement of the antenna monitor, after a verification that all monitoring point values and the common point current reading are within the limits or tolerances specified in the rules, the following indications must be recorded for each radiation pattern: Final plate current and plate voltage, common point current, antenna monitor phase and current indications, and the field strength at each monitoring point. With the new monitor substituted for the old, all indications specified in paragraph (d)(2) of this section, again must be read. If no change has occurred in the indication for any parameter other than the indications of the antenna monitor, the new antenna monitor indications must be deemed to be those reflecting correct array adjustments. If it cannot be established by the observations required in paragraph (d)(2) of this section that the common point current reading and the monitoring point values are within the tolerances or limits

¹ KIXL(AM) is licensed for operation on 970 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

² Periods of operation pursuant to this STA shall be recorded in the station's records (see 47 CFR § 73.1820). The records shall include start/stop dates and times of such operation. These log entries must be maintained for a minimum of two years as specified in 47 CFR § 73.1840(a), unless a longer retention period is requested by the staff. Periods of operation may be subject to independent verification that they in fact occurred.

prescribed by the rules and the instrument of authorization, or if the substitution of the new antenna monitor for the old results in changes in these parameters, a partial proof of performance shall be executed and analyzed in accordance with § 73.154. An informal letter request for modification of license shall be submitted to the FCC, Attention: Audio Division, Media Bureau in Washington, DC within 30 days of the date of monitor replacement. Such request shall specify the make, type, and serial number of the replacement monitor, phase and sample current indications, and other data obtained pursuant to this paragraph (d).

This authority expires on **October 14, 2023**.

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,



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cc: Mark B. Denbo, Esq. (via email only)