



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

November 27, 2023

Family Stations, Inc.
301 Maple St. Suite 2
Shenandoah, IA 51601

Re: Family Stations, Inc.
KYFR(AM), Shenandoah, IA
Fac. ID No: 20806
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed November 13, 2023, on behalf of Family Stations, Inc. ("FSI"). FSI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KYFR(AM) with parameters at variance from license values.¹

In support of the request, FSI states that following the construction of numerous wind turbines in the immediate vicinity of the KYFR(AM) antenna array, FSI has elected to relicense KYFR(AM) by means of a method of moments proof of performance, rather than a measurement based partial proof of performance. Therefore, KYFR(AM) requests STA to operate from its licensed antenna system using the directional antenna parameters determined by the method of moments proof while the Form 302 application is completed by FSI's engineering consultants and processed by Commission staff.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED.² Station KYFR(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. FSI must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.³ FSI 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 **May 27, 2024**.

STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the

¹ KYFR(AM) is licensed for operation on 920 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 2.5 kilowatts, 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.

³ *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b)

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 black ink that reads "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Kathleen Victory, Esq. (via email only)
David Shantz (via email only)
Thomas Gorton, P.E. (via email only)