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KROS Broadcasting, Inc.
870 13th Ave. N
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Re: KROS Broadcasting, Inc.
KROS(AM), Clinton, IA
Facility Identification Number: 35557
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed August 13, 2020, on behalf of KROS Broadcasting, Inc. ("KBI"). KBI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KROS(AM) with a temporary antenna system from its licensed site location.¹

In support of the request, KBI states that the KROS(AM) broadcast antenna collapsed during the August 10, 2020 Midwest Derecho. Therefore, in order to resume broadcast operations, KROS(AM) requests operation with a temporary antenna system from its licensed site location and with a reduced power of 300 watts. The station proposes to operate with an Information Station Specialists HPR.0990 antenna mounted on a pole attached to the tuning shack adjacent to its licensed antenna. The antenna will be 20 feet above ground level.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED. Station KROS(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	41° 51' 36" N, 90° 12' 18" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1340 KHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	0.3 kilowatt
Antenna type	Information Station Specialists HPR.0990
Antenna efficiency	135 mV/m/kW at 1 kilometer

¹ KROS(AM) is licensed for operation on 1340 kHz with an unlimited hours power of 1 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND1-U).

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. KROS(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KROS(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 **February 9, 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,



Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: John Neely, Esq. (via email only)