



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554
February 3, 2022

William C. Gleich, Manager
Sovereign Communications, LLC
P.O. Box 1230
Sault Sainte Marie, MI 49783

Re: Sovereign Communications, LLC (SC)
WDMJ(AM), Marquette, MI
Facility Identification Number: 24448
Special Temporary Authorization (STA)
BESTA- 20220112AAE

Dear Mr. Gleich:

This is in reference to the request filed on January 12, 2022. SC requests a further extension of the STA granted on July 20, 2020, to continue operating with a long wire antenna at the licensed site due to failure of the licensed antenna system.¹ In support of the request, SC stated that additional time will be needed to determine if the facility will be restored (or an FCC Form 301 application filed to proposed other permanent changes).

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.

Accordingly, the request for extension of the STA is hereby GRANTED, and SC may continue to operate from the licensed site using the 186 foot long-wire antenna supported by two poles, with a maximum of 0.2 kW (day) and 0.135 kW (night). SC 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.

¹ WDMJ(AM) is licensed for ND operation on 1320 kHz with 5 kW (day) and 0.135 kW (night).

This authority expires on **August 2, 2022.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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Media Bureau

cc: Sally A. Buckman, Esq., LS PLLC (via e-mail only)