



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
October 11, 2022

Cole Studstill, President  
Mendota Broadcasting, Inc.  
3905 Progress Blvd.  
Peru, IL 61354

Re: Mendota Broadcasting, Inc. (MBI)  
WSPL(AM), Streator, IL  
Facility Identification Number: 63535  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA-20221004AAA

Dear Mr. Studstill:

This is in reference to the request filed on October 4, 2022. MBI requests a further extension of the STA granted on March 2, 2020, to continue ND operation with the remaining 40 foot section of the south tower to allow time to file the required FCC Form 301 application to propose a permanent ND operation at a new transmitter site.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, MBI stated that additional time is needed to file the application or take other action (since the other tower was dismantled).

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 MBI may continue to operate ND from its licensed site using the shortened south tower with 0.11 kW (day) and 0.035 kW (night). MBI must reduce power further or cease operations if complaints of interference are received, and 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. MBI must submit a brief e-mail to note the date the application was filed to verify the project is moving forward towards creating a new licensed facility.

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<sup>1</sup> WSPL(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 1250 kHz with 0.5 kW (day) and 0.064 kW (night).

This authority expires on **April 10, 2023**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Szczesny".

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Coe W. Ramsey, Esq., BP (via e-mail only)