



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554
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Nick Jones, President
Southern Torch, Inc.
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Re: Southern Torch, Inc. (STI)
WFPA(AM), Fort Payne, AL
Facility Identification Number: 33782
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20230123AAB

Dear Mr. Jones:

This is in reference to the request filed on January 23, 2023. STI requests a further extension of the STA granted on October 26, 2020, to continue operating using a long wire antenna at an alternate site to allow time to install a new replacement tower at the old licensed site.¹ In support of the request, STI stated that it has purchased the old licensed site (previously lost by former licensee), and plans to install the new tower to replace the old tower that was destroyed in 2019.

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 STI may continue to operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates 34° 26' 32" N, 85° 43' 17" W (NAD 1927)

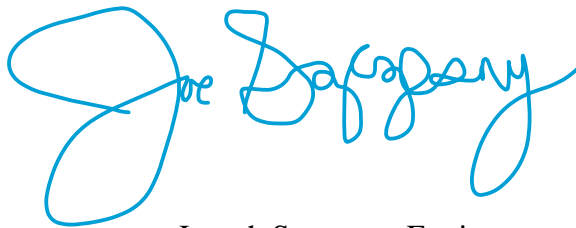
¹ WFPA(AM) is licensed for ND operation on 1400 kHz with 1 kW day and night.

Frequency	1400 kHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	0.2 kW
Antenna type	167-foot long-wire antenna supported 30 feet above ground

STI must reduce power or cease operation 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 Commissions exposure guidelines. See 47 CFR §1.1310. STI must file an FCC Form 302 application with the AudioFilings team containing a detailed description of the new ground system and tower to verify both are the same exact dimensions as previously authorized. Otherwise STI will be required to file an FCC Form 301 minor change application first to obtain a construction permit first (before the FCC Form 302 application can be filed).

This authority expires on **August 7, 2023**.

Sincerely,



Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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Media Bureau

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