



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554
February 17, 2023

John L. Cole
Piedmont Broadcasting Corp.
710 Grove St.
Danville, VA 24541

Re: Piedmont Broadcasting Corp. (PBC)
WBTM(AM), Danville, VA
Fac. ID No.: 52544
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20230206AAD

Dear Mr. Cole:

This is in reference to the request filed on February 6, 2023. PBC requests an extension of the STA granted on August 8, 2022, to continue operating at night with reduced power to allow time to complete all required repairs to the antenna system due to lightning damage.¹ In support of the request, PBC stated that substantial progress has been made, and it estimates that all remaining repairs on the nighttime directional antenna system should be completed within the next few months.

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 PBC may continue to operate ND with a maximum of 0.25 kW at night using tower #2, with no change to the licensed daytime 5 kW ND operation. PBC must reduce the nighttime power level or cease nighttime 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

¹ WBTM(AM) is licensed for operation on 1330 kHz with 5 kW day (ND) and 1 kW night (DA).

excess of the Commissions exposure guidelines. See 47 CFR §1.1310. PBC must file an FCC Form 302 application with the AudioFilings team to update all engineering parameters if any changes are needed. Otherwise an e-mail must be submitted to my attention to certify the date the station was able to resume licensed operations per BZ-20130509ADA with negligible changes to all engineering parameters.

This authority expires on **August 16, 2023**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" being more prominent and the last name "Szczesny" following in a similar style.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Gary Gardener, BC of Hampton Roads (via e-mail only)