



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
March 10, 2023

Michael Afflerbach, VP  
CTC Media Group  
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Re: CTC Media Group (CTC)  
WECU(AM), Winterville, NC  
Fac. ID No.: 135909  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA-20230221AAG

Dear Mr. Afflerbach:

This is in reference to the request filed on February 21, 2023. CTC requests a final extension of the STA granted on February 22, 2022, to continue operating with a reduced daytime power level to allow time to file the required FCC Form 302 license application.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, we noted that CTC should be able to file the application later this year after the recently filed construction permit application has been granted.

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 CTC may continue to operate with a reduced daytime power of 1 kW with no changes to the licensed nighttime operation. CTC must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the

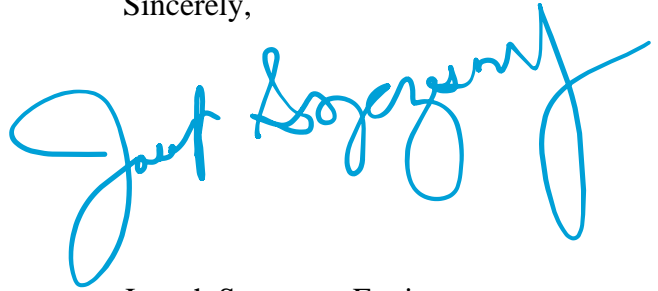
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<sup>1</sup> WECU(AM) is licensed for ND operation on 1570 kHz with 8 kW daytime and 0.2 kW nighttime, and BP-20230222AAC proposes to permanently reduce the daytime power level from 8 kW to 2.5 kW.

public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **September 6, 2023**.<sup>2</sup>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Szczesny", with a stylized, flowing script.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

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<sup>2</sup> Periods of operation pursuant to this STA shall be recorded in the station's records (see 47 CFR § 73.1820). The records shall include start/stop dates and times of such operation. These log entries must be maintained for a minimum of two years as specified in 47 CFR § 73.1840(a), unless a longer retention period is requested by the staff. Periods of operation may be subject to independent verification that they in fact occurred.