



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554
March 13, 2023

Steve Bass, President/CEO
Oregon Public Broadcasting
7140 S Macadam Ave.
Portland, OR 97219

Re: Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB)
KOAC(AM), Corvallis, OR
Fac. ID No.: 50587
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20230306AAF

Dear Mr. Bass:

This is in reference to the request filed on March 6, 2023. OPB has requested a further extension of the STA granted on March 15, 2022, to continue operating ND with reduced power to allow time to replace the water damaged transmission lines.¹ In support of the request, OPB has stated that additional time will be needed to let the site dry out to allow for heavy equipment to be brought in to install the new transmission lines.

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 OPB may continue to operate ND from either tower with a maximum of 1.25 kW, day and night. OPB 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 Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR §1.1310. After all repairs have been completed, OPB must file an FCC Form 302 application to verify all engineering parameters if any changes are needed. Otherwise an e-mail must be submitted to my attention to note the date the

¹ KOAC(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 550 kHz with 5 kW day and night, using different patterns.

station resumed licensed operations per the last license (BL-2856) with negligible changes to all engineering parameters.

This authority expires on **September 9, 2023**.²

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop on the "J" and a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Brad C. Deutsch, Esq., FG PC (via e-mail only)

² 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.