



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554
July 5, 2023

Charles Leavens, President
Pittsburgh Public Media
P.O. Box 456
South Park, PA 15129

Re: Pittsburgh Public Media (PPM)
WZUM(AM), Braddock, PA
Fac. ID No.: 68903
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20230609AAA

Dear Mr. Leavens:

This is in reference to the request filed on June 9, 2023. PPM requests an extension of the STA granted on January 6, 2023, to continue operating with a reduced daytime power of 0.38 kW to allow time to install a new 1 kW transmitter in the upcoming months.¹ In support of the request, PPM stated that the new transmitter should be delivered in September.

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 PPM may continue to operate with a reduced daytime power of 0.38 kW, with no change the licensed nighttime operation. PPM must 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. PPM must submit a brief e-mail to my attention to confirm the date the station resumed licensed operations per the last license (BZ-20180829ABH) with negligible changes after the new transmitter has been installed.

¹ WZUM(AM) is licensed for ND operation on 1550 kHz with 1 kW day and 0.004 kW night.

This authority expires on **January 2, 2024.** ²

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "S" for "Szczesny".

Joe Szczesny, Engineer
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Allan G. Moskowitz, Esq. (via e-mail only)

²Periods 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.