

Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554 July 25, 2023

Estuardo Valdemar Rodriguez 1010 Vermont Ave, NW, Suite 719 Washington, DC 20005

> Re: Estuardo Valdemar Rodriguez (EVR) WLLN (AM), Lillington, NC Facility Identification Number: 26151 Special Temporary Authority (STA) BESTA-20230714AAA

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

This is in reference to the request filed on July 14, 2023. EVR requests a further extension of the STA granted on January 14, 2022, to continue operating with a reduced daytime power of 0.05 kW to allow time to complete repairs.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, we noted that EVR will need additional time to install a new 5 kW daytime transmitter (since unable to repair the old transmitter) and complete any other required repairs.

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 STA is HEREBY GRANTED, and EVR may continue to operate daytime with DA parameters at variance and a reduced power of 0.05 kW while maintaining all monitor points within licensed tolerances (with no change to the licensed 0.049 kW nighttime operation). EVR 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. EVR must submit an electronic restoration of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WLLN is licensed for DA operation on 1370 kHz with 5 kW daytime pattern, using the same pattern at night with a reduced power of 0.049 kW.

licensed operation notice in LMS to certify the date the station resumed licensed operations per BL-19841001AR with negligible changes. Otherwise an acceptable minor change construction permit filing may be required to permanently reduce power or make other changes to the licensed facility to move forward.

This authority expires on January 21, 2024.<sup>2</sup>

Sincerely,

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer Audio Division Media Bureau

cc: Francisco Montero, Esq., FHH PLC (via e-mail only)

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.