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Re: Cumulus Licensing LLC (Cumulus)
WXQW (AM), Fairhope, Alabama
Facility Identification Number: 2541
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA- 20130215ABW

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed February 15, 2013. Cumulus requests further extension of the STA granted on June 8, 2010, to operate Station WXQW with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.¹ In support of the request, Cumulus states that the station's directional antenna system was damaged resulting in the need to replace one tower, and a new engineer has been retained to determine the best course of action.

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.

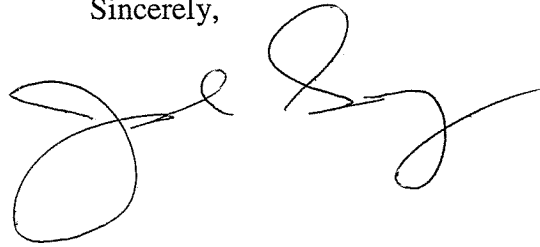
Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WXQW may continue to operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Cumulus must notify the Commission

¹ WXQW is licensed for operation on 660 kHz with 10 kilowatts daytime and 0.85 kilowatt nighttime, employing a directional antenna during nighttime hours only (DA-N-U).

when licensed operation is restored.² Cumulus 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. Failure to resume licensed operations or to file an FCC Form 301 construction permit application to modify the licensed facility due to removal of the damaged tower may result in a denial of any further request for extension.

This authority expires on **September 18, 2013**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Szczesny', written in a cursive style.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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cc: Cumulus Licensing LLC

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).