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James P. Riley, Esq.
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1300 North 17th Street, 11th Floor
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Re: Salem Media of New York, LLC
WMCA(AM), New York, New York
Facility Identification Number: 58626
Special Temporary Authorization
BESTA-20130328AEN

Dear Mr. Riley:

This is in reference to the request filed March 28, 2013, on behalf of Salem Media of New York, LLC ("Salem"). Salem requests extension of special temporary authority ("STA") granted on December 31, 2012, to operate Station WMCA with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.¹ In support of the request, Salem states that WMCA requests an extension of the special temporary authority to operate at a nondirectional power of 1.25 KW (25% of the licensed authorized power) to allow completion of the restoration work. A new transmitter has been installed and is operating at reduced power in a non-directional mode per terms of the STA. Site rehabilitation to repair site damage caused by hurricane Sandy has been going forward. Carl T. Jones Corporation is presently designing new ATU and diplex systems to replace the damaged equipment. Also, the existing ATU buildings are being elevated to comply with new FEMA base flood elevation maps.

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

¹ WMCA is licensed for operation on 570 kHz with 5 kilowatts, unlimited hours, employing the same directional pattern daytime and nighttime (DA-1-U).

- 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.

Our review indicates that the licensee has made progress toward restoration of licensed operation, but additional time is required for completing the work. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WMCA may operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. Operation with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 1.25 kilowatts daytime and nighttime is authorized, only as necessary to rebuild the day and night facilities in accordance with the station's license. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Salem 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.

This authority expires on **September 30, 2013**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J Kong".

Jimmy Kong, Engineer
Audio Division
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cc: Salem Media of New York, LLC