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June 21, 2013

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1200 19th Street NW, Fifth Floor
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Re: WIJD (AM), Prichard, Alabama
Facility Identification Number: 53144
Mobile Bay Corporation (MBC)
Special Temporary Authorization (STA)
BESTA - 20130529ALX

Dear Mr. Gutmann:

This is in reference to the request filed on May 29, 2013. MBC requests extension of the STA granted on November 6, 2012, for operation of Station WIJD with temporary facilities.¹ In support of the request, MBC states that it plans to file an FCC Form 301 application to construct a new tower to replace the dismantled licensed tower.

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.

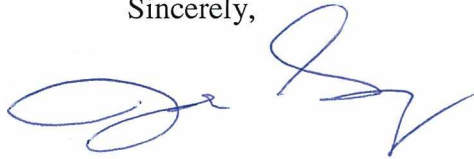
We note that the previous STA expired on May 6, 2013. Our review indicates that the circumstances presented warrant grant of STA in order to provide for service to the public, and that the requested STA facilities are the same as were previously authorized. However, in light of the lapse of time between the expiration of the prior STA and the filing of the instant request, it will be considered as a request for a new STA; and the authority granted will not cover the period between the expiration of the prior STA and the filing of the instant request.

¹ WIJD is licensed for non-directional operation on 1270 kHz with 5 kW day and 0.103 kW night.

Accordingly, the request for STA extension IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WIJD may operate from its licensed site with a temporary tower and reduced power. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. MBC 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. The authority granted herein does not cover the period between May 6, 2013, and May 29, 2013, and is without prejudice as to whatever action the Commission may take with respect to operation of Station WASG during the foregoing period.

This authority expires on **December 21, 2013**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Szczesny', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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cc: Robert L. Wilkins, President (MBC)