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Re: Estuardo Valdemar Rodriguez (EVR)
WLLN (AM), Lillington, North Carolina
Facility Identification Number: 26151
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20130625AAE

Dear Mr. McCormick:

This is in reference to the request filed on June 25, 2013. EVR requests further extension of the STA originally granted on December 23, 2010, to operate Station WLLN with reduced power.¹ In support of the request, EVR states that the station's damaged transmitter has not been repaired or replaced.

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.

A review of the request indicates that EVR did not provide any new information as to why the transmitter could not be repaired or replaced since 2010, and we note that the previous

¹ WLLN is licensed for operation on 1370 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 0.049 kilowatt nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

STA expired on June 20, 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.

Accordingly, the request for STA extension IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WLLN may continue to operate with reduced power. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. EVR must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² 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. The authority granted herein does not cover the period between June 20, 2013, and June 25, 2013, and is without prejudice as to whatever action the Commission may take with respect to operation of Station WLLN during the foregoing period.

This authority expires on **October 17, 2013**. Failure to resume licensed operations or to file an acceptable FCC Form 301 application to modify the licensed facility before the expiration date shown above may lead to a denial of any further request for extension and cancellation of the original STA.

Sincerely,

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

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
Audio Division
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cc: Estuardo Valdemar Rodriguez

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