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Re: WIJD (AM), Prichard, Alabama

Facility Identification Number: 53144

Mobile Bay Corporation (MBC)

Special Temporary Authorization (STA)

BESTA - 20131209XBV

Dear Mr. Gutmann:

This is in reference to the request filed on December 9, 2013. MBC requests further 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, which has been delayed by the local zoning process.

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 STA extension IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WIJD may continue to 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

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

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. It is anticipated that an FCC Form 301 application for construction permit will be filed before the expiration date shown below.

This authority expires on July 2, 2014.

Sincerely,

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer

Audio Division Media Bureau

c: Robert L. Wilkins, President (MBC)