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Re: WEGA (AM), Vega Baja, Puerto Rico
Facility Identification Number: 69853
A Radio Company, Inc. (ARC)
Debtor-in-Possession
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA- 20140711AAT

Dear Mr. King:

This is in reference to the request filed on July 11, 2014. ARC requests a further extension of the STA originally granted on October 3, 2005, to operate Station WEGA with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680 due to equipment malfunction.¹ In support of the request, ARC states that all required repairs were not completed in the past six months due to financial reasons.

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.

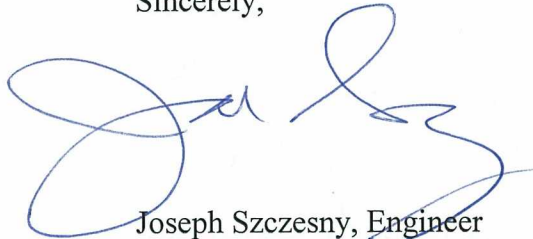
¹ WEGA is licensed for directional operation on 1350 kHz with 2.5 kW (day and night).

The request indicates that substantial progress was not made during the most recent STA period. As mentioned in previous letters, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, and operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service. In addition, STAs are not intended for extended use, and timely restoration of permanent facilities are the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. As a result, we will grant additional time, but failure to file an FCC Form 301 application to propose a new facility at a different site may lead to a cancellation of this STA (since resuming licensed operations at the current site does not appear to be a viable option). Otherwise ARC will need to submit a statement indicating what other new steps have been taken towards restoration of licensed operations.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WEGA may continue to operate with an emergency non-directional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 0.625 kilowatt. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. ARC must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² ARC 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 **January 11, 2015**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Szczesny', is written over the typed name.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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cc: A Radio Company, Inc.

² *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.54, 73.61(b).