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Re: Delmarva Broadcasting Company (DBC)
WDEL(AM), Wilmington, Delaware
Facility Identification Number: 16458
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA- 20140807ABB

Dear Ms. Repp:

This is in reference to the request filed on August 7, 2014. DBC requests further extension of the STA originally granted on March 30, 2010, to operate Station WDEL with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits due to replacement of a co-located FM antenna.¹ In support of the request, DBC states that a new engineer is being retained to complete all repairs and conduct a partial proof to verify the return to licensed operating parameters.

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 noted that the request did not mention the outstanding permit (BP-20111012ABT) which authorizes changes to the daytime pattern and required tower height corrections to the nighttime pattern. As a result, since DBC will be required to file an FCC Form 302 license application to cover that permit with a daytime full proof and a nighttime partial proof, we will

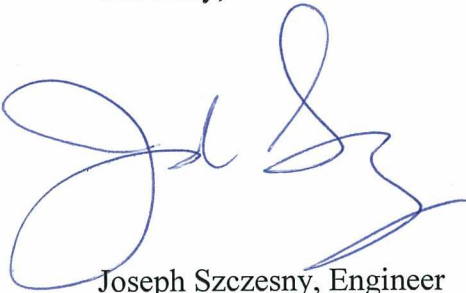
¹ WDEL is licensed for directional operation on 1150 kHz with 5 kW day and night.

grant additional time up until the permit's expiration date of January 31, 2015, and recommend that DBC complete all construction permit changes and other repairs as soon as possible so that an acceptable FCC Form 302 application can be filed in the near future.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WDEL may continue to operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. DBC must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² DBC 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 31, 2015**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Szczesny', written in a cursive style.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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cc: Julian H. Booker, DBC, President

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