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Re: Cumulus Licensing LLC (Cumulus)
WXQW (AM), Fairhope, Alabama
Facility Identification Number: 2541
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20150310AJL

Dear Mr. Lipp:

This is in reference to the request filed on March 10, 2015. Cumulus requests a ninth extension of the STA granted on June 8, 2010, to operate Station WXQW with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits due to tower damage.¹ In support of the request, Cumulus stated that it did not replace the damaged tower due to the cost, and that additional time is requested to allow for final action on the AM Revitalization proceeding (MB Docket 13-249), which should provide better options for resuming licensed nighttime operations.

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:

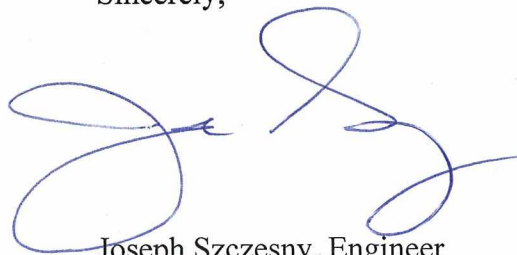
- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

¹ WXQW is licensed for operation on 660 kHz with 10 kW day (ND) and 0.85 kW night (DA).

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WXQW may continue to operate with parameters at variance 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. Cumulus must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored.² Cumulus 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. Cumulus must file an acceptable FCC Form 301 application when MB Docket 13-249 has been adopted, or replace the damaged tower in order to move forward toward resumption of licensed operations.

This authority expires on **September 30, 2015**.

Sincerely,



Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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cc: John W. Dickey, Executive VP, Cumulus

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