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April 30, 2015

Estuardo Valdemar Rodriguez, Co-owner  
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Re: Estuardo Valdemar Rodriguez and Leonor  
Rodriguez  
(EVR)  
WGSB(AM), Mebane, NC  
Facility Identification Number: 25036  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA-20150410AAH

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

This is in reference to the request filed on April 10, 2015. EVR requests an extension of the STA originally granted on July 2, 2013, to operate station WGSB(AM) with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680 due to equipment malfunctions caused by wind damage, resulting in single tower operation of the three tower array.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, EVR states that additional time is needed to replace/repair the malfunctioning equipment.

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 EVR did not provide a list of what equipment must be replaced/repared in

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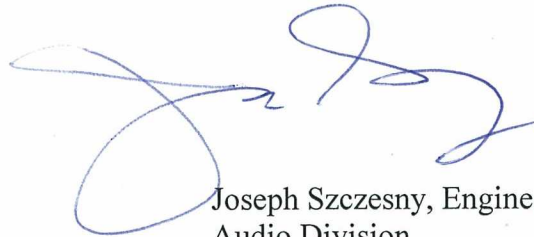
<sup>1</sup> WGSB(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 1060 kHz with 1 kW day and 0.5 kW during critical hours.

order to resume licensed directional operations. In addition, our records indicate that EVR was previously considering selling the station due to recurring financial problems causing the station to go silent during most of 2009, half of 2010, and most recently during most of 2014. As a result, to avoid a possible cancellation of this STA in the future, we suggest that EVR consider one of the following possible options to move forward toward resumption of licensed operations: (1) complete all required repairs and file an FCC Form 302 application to update all operating parameters before the expiration date shown below, or file a letter to the attention of supervisor engineer Son Nguyen to verify the return to licensed operations per the most recent license with no changes; (2) file an FCC Form 301 application to permanently modify the existing three tower array to utilize only one tower to reduce operating costs; (3) consider selling the station to a new licensee that can resume licensed operations, as EVR was previously considering when silent; or (4) or submit a list of other new steps taken during the next six months to show that substantial progress has been made to justify any further STA extension request.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WGSB(AM) may continue to operate with an emergency ND antenna and reduced power not to exceed 0.25 kW day and 0.125 kW critical hours. 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.<sup>2</sup> EVR/LR 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 **October 30, 2015**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Szczesny', is written over a faint, larger blue signature that is partially obscured.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
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cc: Matthew H. McCormick, Esq., Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, PLC (via e-mail)

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<sup>2</sup> *See* 47 CFR §§ 73.45(c), 73.51, 73.61(b).