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Estuardo V. Rodriguez
C/O Valdemar Travel
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Washington, DC 20009

Re: Estuardo V. Rodriguez (EVR)
WLLN (AM), Lillington, North Carolina
Facility Identification Number: 26151
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20150410ABE

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

This is in reference to the request filed on April 10, 2015. EVR requests further extension of the STA granted on December 23, 2010, to operate Station WLLN with reduced power due to a damaged 5 kW transmitter.¹ In support of the request, EVR states that additional time is needed to replace/repair the transmitter.

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.

Our records indicate that EVR was previously considering selling the station due to recurring financial problems that caused the station to go silent multiple times from 2009 to

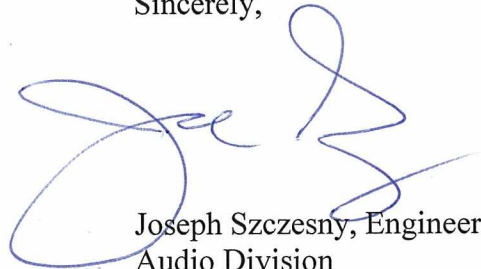
¹ WLLN is licensed for operation on 1370 kHz with 5 kilowatts daytime and 0.049 kilowatt nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime (DA-2-U).

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) purchase and install a new 5 kW transmitter before the expiration date shown below (since we are aware that most older 5 kW transmitters cannot be repaired); (2) file an FCC Form 301 application to specify use of a lower powered transmitter to reduce annual operating costs; (3) consider selling the station to a new licensee that can replace the transmitter, (as EVR was already considering); or (4) or submit a list of other new steps taken during the next six month STA period to show that substantial progress has been made to justify the need for any further request.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA is HEREBY GRANTED. Station WLLN may continue to operate with reduced power. 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.² EVR 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 **November 4, 2015**.

Sincerely,



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