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John C. Preiss, President Fatima Family Apostolate International, Inc. Post Office Box 269 Hanceville, AL 35077

> Re: Fatima Family Apostolate International, Inc. (FFAI) WQHC (AM), Hanceville, Alabama Facility Identification Number: 57437 Special Temporary Authority (STA) BESTA-20150803AFN

Dear Mr. Preiss:

This is in reference to the request filed on August 3, 2015. FFAI requests a further extension of the STA originally granted on November 9, 2009, and modified on November 12, 2009, to operate Station WQHC with temporary facilities due to loss of the licensed transmitter site in 2008, and the subsequent grant of BP-20120406AAI in 2012 to propose a new permanent site.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, FFAI states that it plans to complete construction at the new site before December 31, 2015, after the duplicate construction permit application (BP-20150811AAA) has been granted.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WQHC is licensed for ND operation on 1170 kHz with 0.85 kW day and 0.5 kW critical hours, and BP-20150811AAA proposes a 1 kW daytime ND antenna system at a new site.

the problem.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WQHC may continue to operate with the following facilities:

| Geographic coordinates | 34° 03′ 26″ N, 86° 46′ 33″ W (NAD 1927) |
|------------------------|---|
| Frequency              | 1170 KHz                                |
| Hours of operation     | Daytime                                 |
| Operating power        | 0.010 kW                                |
| Antenna type           | vertical whip                           |

We anticipate that BP-20150811AA will be granted in the upcoming months barring no unforeseen problems. As a result, FFAI will most likely need to file a new STA extension to change the operating parameters (based upon the new permit when granted), therefore a reduced amount of time is being authorized now using the temporary site parameters noted above.

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. FFAI must notify the Commission when licensed operation has been restored at the new permanent site by filing a one page letter to the attention of supervisory engineer Son Nguyen after an acceptable FCC Form 302 application has been filed and granted (to cover BP-20150811AAA). FFAI 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 30, 2016.

Sincerely, Joseph Szczesny, Engineer Audio Division Media Bureau

cc: Dennis J. Kelly, Esq. (via e-mail)