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October 2, 2015

Mortenson Broadcasting Co. of West Virginia, LLC
Financial Center – Key Bank Square
960 West State Street, Suite 141
Alliance, OH 44601

Re: Mortenson Broadcasting Co. of West Virginia, LLC
(MBC)
WZPS(AM), Huntington, West Virginia
Facility Identification Number: 61277
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA - 20150911ADH

Dear MBC:

This is in reference to the request filed on September 11, 2015. MBC requests an extension of the STA granted on March 17, 2015, to operate station WZPS(AM) during daytime and critical hours with reduced power due to vandalism and theft of equipment in 2013.¹ In support of the request, MBC states that in the past six month STA period it has begun the preparation of an FCC Form 301 application to reduce power, which should be filed shortly, instead of attempting to resume operations via the last license (BL-20110103ACY).

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 WEMM(AM) is licensed for ND operation on 1200 kHz with 22 kW day, 8 kW critical hours, and 0.009 kW at night.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and station WZPS(AM) may continue to operate with 1 kW during daytime and critical hours (with no change to the licensed nighttime facility). MBC must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. MBC 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. A reduced amount of time is being granted because MBC may need to file a new extension request to change STA parameters based upon the filing and grant of the FCC Form 301 application.

This authority expires on **February 2, 2016**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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cc: Jerrold Miller, M&N PC (via e-mail)