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John Walton, President
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Re: Walton Stations New Mexico, Inc. (WSN)
KBUY(AM), Ruidoso, NM
Facility Identification Number: 70826
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA- 20151123BDG

Dear Mr. Walton:

This is in reference to the request filed on November 23, 2015. WSN requests a fourth extension of the STA granted on May 15, 2014, to operate station KBUY(AM) with reduced power due to equipment problems.¹ In support of the request, WSN states that repair parts for the damaged replacement transmitter that was delivered before the end of May 2015 are still being sourced, and it anticipates full power operations can be resumed in less than six months.

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 staff is aware that many older 5 kW AM transmitters are now failing and can no longer be repaired due to lack of parts and support from the manufacturers. As a result, since

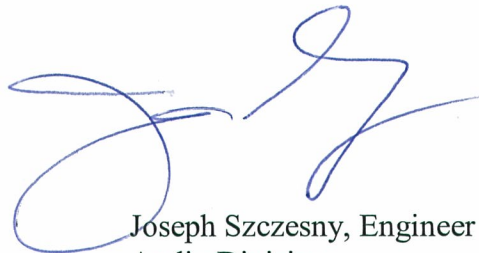
¹ KBUY(AM) is licensed for ND operation on 1360 kHz with 5 kW day and 0.201 kW night.

WSN was unable to locate replacement parts within the last seven months, it must now consider other viable options to resume licensed operations (if all required repair parts cannot be obtained and installed within the next few months). For example, a new 5 kW transmitter may have to be purchased, or WSN may need to file an FCC Form 301 application to permanently reduce the daytime power level (if a new lower powered transmitter is going to be purchased to reduce costs). As mentioned previously, WSN must notify the Commission when licensed operation has been restored by submitting a one page letter in triplicate to the Secretary's office to the attention of supervisory engineer Son Nguyen if no operating parameter changes are required. Otherwise an FCC Form 302 application must be filed to update all parameters.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and station KBUY(AM) may continue to operate with reduced power. WSN 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 **June 21, 2016**.

Sincerely,



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