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February 16, 2016

Paul Rahmlow, Treasurer  
Midwest Communications, Inc.  
904 Grand Ave.  
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Re: Midwest Communications, Inc. (MCI)  
WKZO(AM), Kalamazoo, Michigan  
Facility Identification Number: 54485  
Special Temporary Authorization (STA)  
BESTA-20160114AAJ

Dear Mr. Rahmlow:

This is in reference to the request filed on June 30, 2015. MCI requests a further extension of the STA granted on November 20, 2013, to operate station WKZO(AM) with facilities that vary from its license due to storm damage to the nighttime antenna system.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, MCI states that in the past six month STA period, zoning approval was obtained to replace the damaged tower, and it plans to complete all work within the next 120 days.

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 the request mentioned that the ground system was damaged along with one tower, therefore an FCC Form 301 application for a construction permit should be filed first since this will require installation of a new tower and ground system repairs, followed by an FCC Form 302 application to cover the permit.

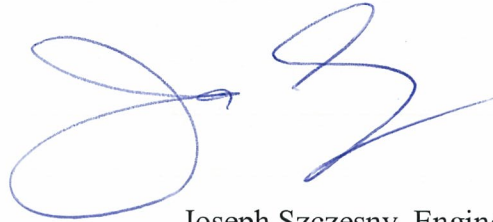
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<sup>1</sup> WKZO(AM) is licensed for operation on 590 kHz with 5 kW (ND day and DA night).

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WKZO(AM) may continue to operate ND during nighttime hours with 25% of licensed power. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. MCI 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. We anticipate that an FCC Form 301 application will be filed and granted before the expiration date shown below, followed by an FCC Form 302 application to update all operating parameters.

This authority expires on **August 16, 2016**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by 'S' and a trailing flourish.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
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