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March 30, 2016

Mortenson Broadcasting Co. of West Virginia, LLC
Financial Center – Key Bank Square
960 West State Street, Suite 141
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Re: Mortenson Broadcasting Co. of West Virginia, LLC
(MBC)
WZPS(AM), Huntington, West Virginia
Facility Identification Number: 61277
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA - 20160311AAC

Dear MBC:

This is in reference to the request filed on March 11, 2016. MBC requests a further extension of the STA originally granted on April 22, 2014, to operate station WZPS(AM) with reduced power due to vandalism and theft of equipment in April of 2013.¹ In support of the request, MBC states that it has retained Mullaney Engineering to prepare and file an FCC Form 301 application shortly to permanently reduce power (since it has been unable to restore licensed operations as specified on 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.

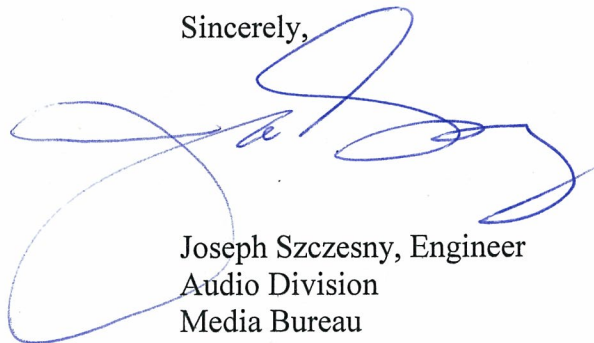
¹ WEMM(AM) is licensed for ND operation on 1200 kHz with 22 kW day, 8 kW critical hours, and 0.009 kW at night.

We note that the previous STA expired on February 2, 2016, but our review indicates that the circumstances presented warrant grant of this STA in order to provide for service to the public, and that the requested STA facilities are the same as were previously authorized. However, in light of the lapse of time between the expiration of the prior STA and the filing of the instant request, it will be considered as a request for a new STA; therefore the authority granted herein will not cover the period of time between the expiration date of the last STA and the filing of this request, and is without prejudice as to whatever action the Commission may take with respect to operation of Station WZPS(AM) during the foregoing period.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and station WZPS(AM) may continue to operate with reduced power. 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. We anticipate that MBC will file the required FCC Form 301 and 302 applications shortly so that our staff may have enough time to review and grant both applications before the expiration date shown below, eliminating the need for further STA operation.

This authority expires on **September 30, 2016.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Szczesny', is written over the typed name and title.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: John Neely, M&N PC (via e-mail)