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April 25, 2016

Dr. Laurie J. Campbell, President
Plymouth Rock Broadcasting Co. Inc.
17 Columbus Road
Plymouth, MA 02360

Re: Plymouth Rock Broadcasting Co. Inc. (PRB)
WPLM(AM), Plymouth, Massachusetts
Facility Identification Number: 52837
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20160404ACS

Dear Dr. Campbell:

This is in reference to the request filed on April 4, 2016. PRB requests an extension of the STA granted on October 9, 2015, to operate station WPLM(AM) with ND facilities with reduced power due to lightning damage and required equipment repairs.¹ In support of the request, PRB states that during the past six months some repairs were completed, but additional repairs on the phasing, sampling and transmission line equipment must be completed and then tested before it can resume licensed operations.

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.

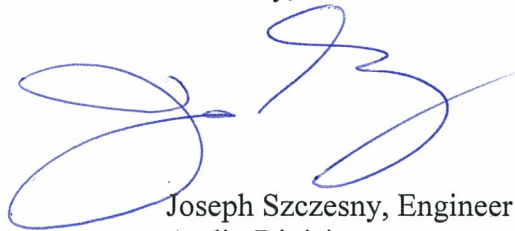
Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and station WPLM(AM) may continue to operate with an emergency ND antenna using tower #4 (with 1 kW day and 0.1 kW night). It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. PRB must 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. Due to the type of repairs needed, PRB must remain on STA until

¹ WPLM(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 1390 kHz with 5 kW day and night.

after it has filed an FCC Form 302 application with a day and night partial proof (or method of moment proofs) and a new license has been granted to update all operating parameters.

This authority expires on **October 25, 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: Susan A. Marshall, Esq. (via email only)