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Richard S. Denning, VP & GC
Cumulus Licensing LLC
3280 Peachtree Road, NW, Suite 2300
Atlanta, GA 30305

Re: Cumulus Licensing LLC (Cumulus)
WXQW (AM), Fairhope, Alabama
Facility Identification Number: 2541
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20160420ADN

Dear Mr. Denning:

This is in reference to the request filed on April 20, 2016. Cumulus requests a further extension of the STA granted on June 8, 2010, to operate Station WXQW with parameters at variance due to damage to one tower.¹ In support of the request, we noted that Cumulus is now in the process of completing all required work on the construction permit (BP-20150821AAF) granted on January 20, 2016, so that an FCC Form 302 application can be filed.

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

¹ WXQW is licensed for operation on 660 kHz with 10 kW day (ND) and 0.85 kW night (DA), and the permit (BP-20150821AAF) authorizes a new 0.18 kW night pattern using two existing towers.

WXQW(AM) may continue to operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed nighttime pattern limits⁴. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Cumulus 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 Cumulus will need to file one final request to extend this STA around November 7, 2016, to operate with parameters at variance using the new nighttime pattern (unless the required FCC Form 302 application has been granted).

This authority expires on **November 17, 2016**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Szczesny', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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cc: Andrew Kersting, RLH (via e-mail)