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September 6, 2016

Paul Rahmlow, Treasurer Midwest Communications, Inc. 904 Grand Ave. Wausau, WI 54403

Re: Midwest Communications, Inc. (MCI)

WKZO(AM), Kalamazoo, Michigan Facility Identification Number: 54485 Special Temporary Authorization (STA)

BESTA-20160810AAQ

Dear Mr. Rahmlow:

This is in reference to the request filed on August 10, 2016. MCI requests a further extension of the STA granted on November 20, 2013, to operate ND with 1.25 kW at night due to storm damage and subsequent repairs, including the replacement of one tower. In support of the request, MCI states that one tower has been replaced and ground system repaired, and therefore it plans to file an FCC Form 302 application with a partial proof after all work has been completed.

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 MCI may continue to operate ND nighttime with a maximum of 1.25 kW with no change to the licensed daytime 5 kW ND operation. 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. MCI must file an FCC Form 301 application in the

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

upcoming months if needed to make any necessary changes due to replacement of one tower and ground system repairs, followed by an FCC Form 302 application with a nighttime partial proof (or method of moment proof) to update all operating parameters.

This authority expires on March 5, 2017.

Sincerely,

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer

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cc: John S. Neely, Esq., M&N PC (via e-mail only)