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November 23, 2016

John M. Dowdy, Partner  
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Re: Dowdy & Dowdy Partnership (DDP)  
WROA(AM), Gulfport, Mississippi  
Facility Identification Number: 17478  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA-20161024ACL

Dear Mr. Dowdy:

This is in reference to the request filed on October 24, 2016. DDP requests an extension of the STA granted on May 16, 2016, to operate station WROA(AM) with parameters at variance using an auxiliary transmitter due to extensive storm damage to the antenna system.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, DDP states that additional time is needed to identify and complete all required repairs 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.

DDP will need to submit an e-mail or letter to certify that the station has resumed licensed operations per BZ-19970520AA with negligible changes after all repairs have been

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<sup>1</sup> WROA(AM) is licensed for 5 kW DA operation on 1390 kHz, using different patterns day and night.

completed. Otherwise an FCC Form 302 application to update all operating parameters must be filed to obtain a new license.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and DDP may continue to operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. DDP 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.

This authority expires on **May 23, 2017**.

Sincerely,

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

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
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cc: John C. Trent, Esq., PHT PC (via email only)