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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- 20170614AAX

Dear Mr. Denning:

This is in reference to the request filed on June 14, 2017. Cumulus requests a final extension of the STA granted on June 8, 2010, to operate with parameters at variance pending the filing of an FCC Form 302 application to cover BP-20170118ABN.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, Cumulus states that additional time is needed to complete all preliminary steps before filing the application.

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 Cumulus

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WXQW is licensed for operation on 660 kHz with 10 kW day (ND) and 0.85 kW night (DA), and BP-

<sup>20170118</sup>ABN authorizes a reduction in nighttime power to 0.019kW using one of the existing towers.

may continue to operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining the nighttime monitor points within licensed limits. 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.

This authority expires on January 13, 2018.

Sincerely, Joseph Szczesny, Engineer Audio Division Media Bureau

cc: Andrew Kersting, RLH (via e-mail only)