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David P. Santrella, President, Broadcast Media
Common Ground Broadcasting, Inc.
4880 Santa Rosa Road
Camarillo, CA 93012

In re: Common Ground Broadcasting, Inc. (CGB)
WTBN (AM), Pinellas Park, FL
Facility Identification Number: 51985
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA- 20170712ACC

Dear Mr. Santrella:

This is in reference to the request filed on July 12, 2017. CGB requests a further extension of the STA granted on December 6, 1994, to continue operating with increased nighttime power to overcome Cuban interference.¹ In support of the request, CGB stated that the interference continues.

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 CGB may continue to operate with the licensed nighttime pattern using 10 kW (with no change to the daytime licensed 5 kW DA facility). This authority is subject to termination upon reduction of power or cessation of operation by the Cuban operation, or upon Commission instruction to

¹ WTBN(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 570 kHz with 5 kW (day and night).

resume licensed operations per BML-20100506AGM. CGB must reduce power if interference complaints are received.

This authority expires on **February 14, 2018.**

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: Frank R. Jazzo, Esq., FHH PLC (via e-mail only)