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January 3, 2018

John Walton, President  
Walton Stations New Mexico, Inc.  
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Re: Walton Stations New Mexico, Inc. (WSN)  
KBUY(AM), Ruidoso, NM  
Facility Identification Number: 70826  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA-20171207AAV

Dear Mr. Walton:

This is in reference to the request filed on December 7, 2017. WSN requests an extension of the STA granted on September 18, 2017, to continue operating with reduced power to allow time to complete transmitter repairs.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, WSN states that additional time is needed before it can resumed 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.

Our staff is aware that many older 5 kW transmitters cannot be repaired for a variety of reasons, and instead must be replaced. As a result, WSN will have to replace the transmitter to show that substantial progress has been made (if unable to repair during the upcoming months), or may have to consider other possible options, such as filing an FCC Form 301 to reduce power or make other permanent changes.

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<sup>1</sup> KBUY(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 1470 kHz with 5 kW day and 1 kW night using different patterns.

Accordingly, the request for extension of the STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and WSN may continue to operate with reduced power day and night, and 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. WSN must submit an e-mail to my attention to certify the date the station resumed operations per the most recent license BL-20090409AVL with negligible changes to all operating parameters.

This authority expires on **July 3, 2018**.

Sincerely,

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

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
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cc: Richard J. Hayes, Jr. Esq. (via email only)