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March 19, 2018

Vance Patterson
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Re: Vance Patterson (VP)
WSVM(AM), Valdese, NC
Facility Identification Number: 32392
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20180301AAX

Dear Mr. Patterson:

This is in reference to the request filed on March 1, 2018. VP requests an extension of the STA granted on February 3, 2017, to operate from an alternate site to allow time to file the required FCC Form 301 application (due to loss of the licensed site).¹ In support of the request, VP will need additional time to prepare and file the application for a new permanent facility.

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 VP may continue to operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	35° 44' 17" N, 81° 33' 26" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1490KHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	0.5 kW
Antenna type	210 foot long wire

¹ WSVM(AM) is licensed for ND operation on 1490 kHz with 1 kW (unlimited hours).

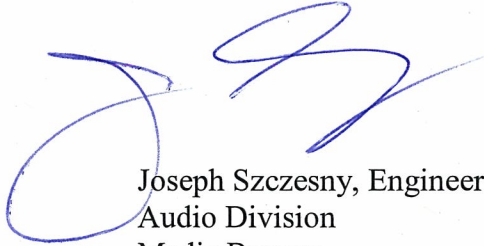
Antenna height above ground

Wire strung between poles 30 feet (AGL)

VP must reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received, 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* 47CFR 1.1310.

This authority expires on **September 19, 2018**.

Sincerely,



Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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cc: Coe W. Ramsey, Esq., BP (via e-mail only)