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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-20180724AAF

Dear Mr. Dowdy:

This is in reference to the request filed on July 24, 2018. DDP requests a fourth extension of the STA granted on May 16, 2016, to continue operating with parameters at variance due to storm damage to allow additional time to file the required FCC Form 302 application.¹ In support of the request, we noted that additional time is needed to file the application to cover the construction permit BP-20170428AAU.

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 DDP may continue to operate with DA parameters at variance and reduced power if needed while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. DDP must reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received, and use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public

¹ WROA(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 1390 kHz, using different 5 kW patterns (day and night), and BP-20170428AAU authorizes ND operation with reduced power using the existing WGCM(AM) tower.

from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **January 25, 2019**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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