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Mr. Christopher J. Henderson, Sr VP/Sec
Salem Communications Holding Corporation
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In re: Salem Communications Holding Corporation
(SCHC)
WTBN (AM), Pinellas Park, FL
Facility Identification Number: 51985
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20180705AAI

Dear Mr. Santrella:

This is in reference to the request filed on July 5, 2018. SCHC 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, SCHC 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 the STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and SCHC may continue to operate using the licensed nighttime pattern at 10 kW (with no change to the daytime licensed 5 kW facility). This authority is subject to termination upon reduction of power

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

or cessation of operation by the Cuban station, or upon Commission instruction to resume licensed operations per BML-20100506AGM, and SCHC must reduce power if interference complaints are received.

This authority expires on **February 21, 2019**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'S' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

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