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John Hendricks, President/GM
Flathead Valley Wireless Association LLC
P.O. Box 1596
Kalispell, MT 59903

Re: Flathead Valley Wireless Association LLC
(FVM)
KGEZ(AM), Kalispell, MT
Facility Identification Number: 60575
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20190129AAQ

Dear Mr. Hendricks:

This is in reference to the request filed on January 29, 2019. FVW requests an extension of the STA granted on August 16, 2018, to continue operating ND to allow time to file the required FCC Form 301 application due to loss of the licensed west tower, and planned loss of the rest of the site.¹ In support of the request, we note that the application has not yet been filed.

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.

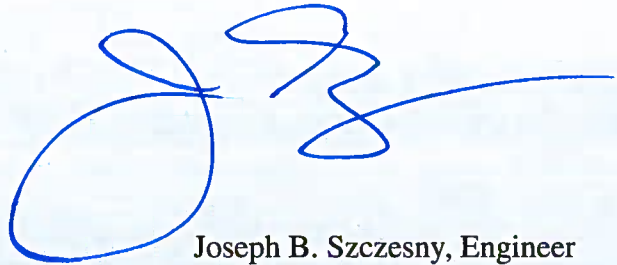
Accordingly, the request for extension of the STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and FVW may continue to operate ND daytime using the east tower, with a maximum of 1.25 kW day and

¹ KGEZ(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 600 kHz with 5 kW day and 1 kW night, using different patterns.

0.25 kW night. FVW 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 47 CFR §1.1310.

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

Sincerely,

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Joseph B. Szczesny, Engineer
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cc: Thomas S. Gorton, H&D (via email only)