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Christopher J. Henderson, EVP & Sec Salem Communications Holding Corporation 4880 Santa Rosa Rd. Camarillo, CA 93012

Re: Salem Communications Holding Corporation

(SCHC)

WTBN(AM), Pinellas Park, Florida Facility Identification Number: 51985 Special Temporary Authority (STA)

BESTA-20190308AAM

Dear Mr. Henderson:

This is in reference to the request filed on March 8, 2019. SCHC requests an extension of the STA originally granted on December 6, 1994, as last modified on September 19, 2018, to operate ND with reduced power due to lightning damage. In support of the request, SCHC states that additional time will be required to complete all repairs before it can resume 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.

Accordingly, the request for extension of the STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and SCHC may continue to operate ND with a maximum of 1.25 kW (day and night). SCHC 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

¹ WTBN(AM) is licensed for operation on 570 kHz with a daytime and nighttime power of 5 kilowatts, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310. SCHC must submit an e-mail to my attention to confirm the date the station resumed licensed operations per BML-20100506AGM with negligible changes to ensure an FCC Form 302 filing is not required.

This authority expires on September 26, 2019.

Sincerely,

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer

Audio Division Media Bureau

cc: Kathleen A. Kirby, Esq., WR LLP (via email only)