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Chris Hoffman, VP  
Saga Communications of North Carolina, LLC (Saga)  
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Re: Saga  
WISE(AM), Asheville, NC  
Facility Identification Number: 68835  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA-20190416ABO

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

This is in reference to the request filed on April 16, 2019. Saga requests an extension of the STA granted on October 18, 2018, to continue operating nighttime with reduced power using the daytime antenna system to allow time to complete equipment repairs.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, SAGA stated that some repairs were made over the past six months, but additional time is needed.

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 Saga may continue to operate ND at night using the daytime tower with a maximum of 0.25 kW, with no change to the licensed daytime 5 kW antenna system. Saga must reduce the nighttime power

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<sup>1</sup> WISE(AM) is licensed for operation on 1310 kHz with 5 kW day (ND) and 1 kW night (DA).

or cease operations if complaints of interference are received, and must 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. Saga must submit an e-mail to my attention to certify the date the station resumed licensed operations with negligible changes (or to specify the date an FCC Form 302 application was filed to change the operating parameters).

This authority expires on **November 5, 2019**.

Sincerely,



Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
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cc: Gary S. Smithwick, Esq. S&B PC (via e-mail only)