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John M. Dowdy, Partner  
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Re: Dowdy & Dowdy Partnership (DDP)  
WROA(AM), Gulfport, MS  
Facility Identification Number: 17478  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA- 20200227AAD

Dear Mr. Dowdy:

This is in reference to the request filed on February 27, 2020. DDP requests a further extension of the STA granted on May 16, 2016, to continue operating with parameters at variance at the licensed site to allow time to file the required FCC Form 302 application to cover BP-20170428AAU.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, DDP requests additional time to complete the move to the new transmitter site and file the application.

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 DDP may continue to operate with DA parameters at variance and reduced power at the licensed site while maintaining all 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 from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure

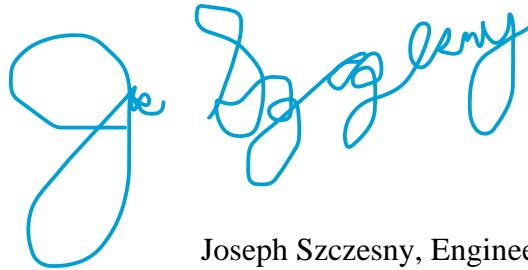
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<sup>1</sup> WROA(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 1390 kHz, using different 5 kW patterns (day and night), and BP-20170428AAU authorizes ND operation with reduced power using the existing WGCM(AM) tower.

guidelines. *See* 47 CFR §1.1310. DDP must submit a brief e-mail to my attention to note the date the FCC Form 302 application was filed before the construction permit expires on the date shown below.

This authority expires on **August 16, 2020**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Szczesny". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
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cc: John C. Trent, Esq., PHT PC (via email only)