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April 30, 2020

Christopher J. Henderson, EVP & Sec  
Salem Communications Holding Corporation  
4880 Santa Rosa Rd.  
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Re: Salem Communications Holding Corporation  
(SCHC)  
WTBN(AM), Pinellas Park, FL  
Facility Identification Number: 51985  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA-20200401AAD

Dear Mr. Henderson:

This is in reference to the request filed April 1, 2020. SCHC requests a further extension of the STA originally granted on December 6, 1994, as last modified on September 19, 2018, to operate ND with reduced power to allow time to make numerous repairs.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, SCHC states that additional time will be needed to complete the remaining work.

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 of the Commission's exposure guidelines. See 47 CFR § 1.1310. SCHC must submit an

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<sup>1</sup> WTBN(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 570 kHz with 5 kW (day and night), using different patterns.

e-mail to my attention to note the date the station resumed licensed operations per BML-20100506AGM with negligible changes, or to note the date an FCC Form 302 application was filed to update all operating parameters. The related request filed last year to increase nighttime power (BSTA-20190128ABJ) will remain on hold until after SCHC has resumed licensed operations.

This authority expires on **October 29, 2020.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping underline.

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