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June 8, 2020

Dawn Creasman, VP  
Saga Communications of North Carolina, LLC (Saga)  
73 Kercheval Avenue  
Gross Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Re: Saga  
WISE(AM), Asheville, NC  
Facility Identification Number: 68835  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA-20200511AAQ

Dear Ms. Creasman:

This is in reference to the request filed on May 11, 2020. Saga requests a further extension of the STA granted on October 18, 2018, to continue operating ND at nighttime with reduced power to allow time to complete all remaining repairs.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, SAGA stated that additional time will be needed to complete all 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 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 operation. Saga must power or cease operations if complaints of interference are received, and must use whatever means are necessary to protect

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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).

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 note the date the station resumed licensed operations with negligible changes, or the date an FCC Form 302 application was filed to update all operating parameters.



This authority expires on **December 7, 2020.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Szczesny". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
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