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June 29, 2020

Dr. Laurie J. Campbell, President  
Plymouth Rock Broadcasting Co. Inc.  
17 Columbus Road  
Plymouth, MA 02360

Re: Plymouth Rock Broadcasting Co. Inc. (PRB)  
WPLM(AM), Plymouth, MA  
Facility Identification Number: 52837  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA-20200617AAF

Dear Dr. Campbell:

This is in reference to the request filed on June 17, 2020. PRB requests a further extension of the STA granted on October 9, 2015, to continue operating day and night using the nighttime pattern to allow time to file the required FCC Form 302 application.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, PRB states that additional time is needed to file the application to update all operating parameters due to extensive repairs done over the past 5 years.

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 PRB may continue to operate with parameters at variance and a maximum of 2.5 kW (day and night) using the licensed nighttime directional antenna pattern. PRB 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. PRB must submit an e-mail to my attention to note the date the application was filed to allow our staff to determine if changes to the above parameters are needed.

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<sup>1</sup> WPLM(AM)) is licensed for DA operation on 1390 kHz with 5 kW day and night, using different patterns.

This authority expires on **December 28, 2020**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" and last name "Szczesny" clearly legible.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
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cc: Susan A. Marshall, Esq. (via email only)