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September 17, 2020

Cole Studstill, President
Mendota Broadcasting, Inc.
3905 Progress Blvd.
Peru, IL 61354

Re: Mendota Broadcasting, Inc. (MBI)
WSPL(AM), Streator, IL
Facility Identification Number: 63535
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20200820AAE

Dear Mr. Studstill:

This is in reference to the request filed on August 20, 2020. MBI requests an extension of the STA granted on March 2, 2020, to continue ND operation with the remaining 40 foot section of the south tower, after removal of the north tower and the top portion of the south tower.¹ In support of the request, MBI states that it plans to file an FCC Form 301 application to propose a new permanent facility at a new transmitter site.

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 MBI may continue to operate ND from its licensed site with the existing shortened tower and a reduced daytime power of 0.11 kW (day) and 0.035 kW (night). MBI must reduce power or cease operations 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

¹ WSPL(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 1250 kHz with 0.5 kW (day) and 0.064 kW (night).

guidelines. *See* 47 CFR §1.1310. MBI must submit an e-mail to my attention to note the date the FCC Form 301 application was filed, or to note the date an FCC Form 302 application was filed to update all operating parameters (after installing replacement towers at the licensed site).

This authority expires on **March 16, 2021**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "S".

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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cc: John F. Garziglia, Esq., WBD LLP (via e-mail only)