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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-20201228AAL

Dear Dr. Campbell:

This is in reference to the request filed on December 28, 2020. PRB requests a further extension of the STA granted on October 9, 2015, to continue operating day and night using the nighttime pattern with reduced power to allow time to file the required FCC Form 302 application.¹ In support of the request, PRB states that additional time is needed to file the application to update all operating parameters, after all remaining repairs have been completed.

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 using the licensed nighttime directional antenna pattern at a maximum of 2.5 kW (day and night). 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 determine how much additional time is needed to operate with temporary parameters.

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

This authority expires on July 12, 2021.

Sincerely,

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cc: Susan A. Marshall, Esq., FHH PLC (via email only)