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Cole Studstill, President  
Mendota Broadcasting, Inc.  
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Peru, IL 61354

Re: Mendota Broadcasting, Inc. (MBI)  
WSPL(AM), Streator, IL  
Facility Identification Number: 63535  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA-20210303AAB

Dear Mr. Studstill:

This is in reference to the request filed on March 3, 2021. MBI requests a further 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.<sup>1</sup> 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 site (since not planning on installing replacement towers).

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 using the shortened south tower and a reduced power level 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 guidelines. See 47 CFR §1.1310. MBI must submit an e-mail to my attention to note the date the application was filed to move this project forward.

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

This authority expires on **September 23, 2021.**

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 tail.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Coe W. Ramsey, Esq., BP (via e-mail only)