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Re: IHM Licenses (IHM)  
WAAX(AM), Gadsden, Alabama  
Facility Identification Number: 22996  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA-20210409AAC

Dear Mr. Davis:

This is in reference to the request filed on April 9, 2021. IHM requests an extension of the STA granted on October 14, 2020, to continue operating ND at night with reduced power due to the failure of the nighttime directional antenna system last year.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, IHM stated that additional time is needed to complete all required repairs.

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 IHM may continue to operate ND at night using the daytime tower with a reduced power of 0.125 kW, with no changes to the daytime 5 kW ND operation. IHM must reduce the nighttime power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received, and use whatever means are necessary

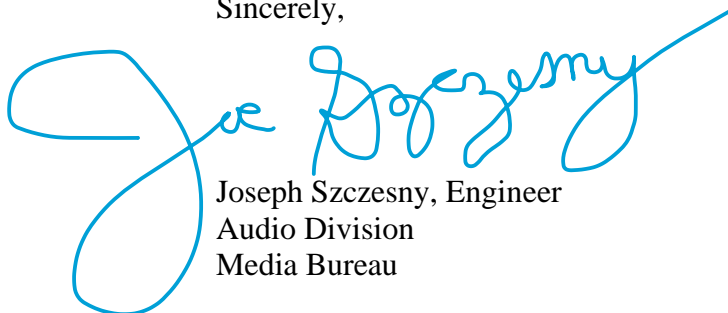
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<sup>1</sup> WAAX(AM) is licensed for operation on 570 kHz with 5 kW ND daytime, and 0.5 kW DA nighttime.

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.

This authority expires on **November 4, 2021**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Szczesny", is written over the typed name and title.

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cc: Troy Langham. (via e-mail only)