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Nick Jones, President
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Re: Southern Torch, Inc. (STI)
WFP(A)M, Fort Payne, AL
Facility Identification Number: 33782
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20210426AAF

Dear Mr. Jones:

This is in reference to the request filed on April 26, 2021. STI requests a further extension of the STA granted on October 26, 2020, to continue operating using a long wire antenna at an alternate site to allow time to file the required FCC Form 301 application to propose a new permanent facility.¹ In support of the request, we noted that STI must file the application due to the destruction of the tower and loss of the licensed transmitter site in 2019.

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 STI may continue to operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates 34° 26' 32" N, 85° 43' 17" W (NAD 1927)

¹ WFP(A)M is licensed for ND operation on 1400 kHz with 1 kW day and night.

Frequency	1400 kHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	0.2 kW
Antenna type	167-foot long-wire antenna supported 30 feet above ground

STI must reduce power or cease operation 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 Commissions exposure guidelines. See 47 CFR §1.1310. STI must submit an e-mail to my attention to note the date the application was filed to allow our staff to determine how much additional temporary operation will be allowed.

This authority expires on **November 9, 2021**.

Sincerely,



Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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