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Christopher J. Henderson, EVP & Sec
Salem Communications Holding Corporation
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Re: Salem Communications Holding Corporation
(SCHC)
WTBN(AM), Pinellas Park, FL
Facility Identification Number: 51985
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20210430AAB

Dear Mr. Henderson:

This is in reference to the request filed April 30, 2021. SCHC requests a further extension of the STA originally granted on December 6, 1994, as last modified on September 19, 2018, to operate ND with reduced power to allow time to complete lightning damage repairs.¹ In support of the request, SCHC states that additional time will be needed to finish all remaining repairs in order to resume licensed operations.

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 SCHC may continue to operate ND with a maximum of 1.25 kW (day and night). SCHC 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 radiofrequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. See 47 CFR Section 1.1310. SCHC must submit an e-

¹ WTBN(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 570 kHz with 5 kW (day and night), using different patterns, and has a construction permit (BP-20200615AAD) to build a new DA facility using the existing WGUL towers.

mail to my attention to note the date an FCC Form 302 application was filed to update all operating parameters (if unable to resume licensed operations per BML-20100506AGM with negligible changes). It should be noted that the related request BESTA-20190128ABJ to use the licensed night pattern at 10 kW to overcome Cuban interference will remain on hold until after SCHC has been able to confirm resumption of licensed operations (by filing an FCC Form 302 application if needed).

This authority expires on **November 17, 2021**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop for the "J" and a long, sweeping line for the "S".

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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cc: Kathleen A. Kirby, Esq., WR LLP (via email only)