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Pluria Marshall Jr., President WLTH Radio, Inc. C/O 115 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Gary, IN 46402

> Re: WLTH Radio, Inc. (WRI) WLTH(AM), Gary, IN Facility Identification Number: 38402 Special Temporary Authority (STA) BESTA-20210715AAA

Dear Mr. Marshall:

This is in reference to the request filed on July 15, 2021. WRI requests a further extension of the STA granted on October 23, 2017, to eliminate the temporary nighttime ND operation and change to daytime-only operation.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, we noted that WRI will require additional time to file an FCC Form 302 application to cover BP-20190618AAH, or to file an FCC Form 301 modification application to change from a series-fed to a folded unipole fed antenna system as mentioned previously (due to recurring flooding problems).

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 WRI may now operate daytime-only using the licensed daytime 1 kW ND antenna. WRI 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WLTH(AM) is licensed for operation on 1370 kHz with 1 kW ND and 0.5 kW DA from different transmitter sites, and BP-20190618AAH authorizes a reduced nighttime power of 0.009 kW using the daytime site tower.

This authority expires on January 15, 2022.

Sincerely, oD R Joseph Szczesny, Engineer Audio Division Media Bureau

cc: Allan G. Moskowitz, Esq. (via email only)