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Re: Sovereign Communications, LLC (SC)  
WDMJ(AM), Marquette, MI  
Facility Identification Number: 24448  
Special Temporary Authorization (STA)  
BESTA-20210709AAJ

Dear Mr. Gleich:

This is in reference to the request filed on July 9, 2021. SC requests a further extension of the STA granted on July 20, 2020, to continue operating with a long wire antenna due to failure of the licensed antenna system.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, SC stated that additional time is needed to determine how 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 SC may continue to operate from the licensed site using the 186 foot long-wire antenna supported by two poles, with a maximum of 0.2 kW (day) and 0.135 kW (night). SC must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess

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<sup>1</sup> WDMJ(AM) is licensed for ND operation on 1320 kHz with 5 kW (day) and 0.135 kW (night).

of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310. SC must submit an e-mail to my attention to note the date the station resumed licensed operations per BZ-20150205AEO with negligible changes, or the date an FCC Form 302 application was filed to update all operating parameters after all required repairs have been completed.

This authority expires on **February 3, 2022**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" being particularly prominent.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
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