

Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554 October 12, 2021

Richard S. Denning, EVP & GC Cumulus Licensing, LLC 3280 Peachtree Road, NW, Suite 2200 Atlanta, GA 30305

> Re: Cumulus Licensing, LLC (Cumulus) WCOA(AM), Pensacola, FL Facility Identification Number: 12142 Special Temporary Authority (STA) BESTA-20200922AAD

Dear Mr. Denning:

This is in reference to the request filed on September 22, 2021. Cumulus requests a further extension of the STA granted on June 29, 2018, to continue operating with parameters at variance to allow time to file an FCC Form 302 application to cover BP-20210319AAJ.¹ In support of the request, Cumulus states that additional time will be needed to file the application.

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 Cumulus may continue to operate 5 kW ND daytime with the slightly shorter tower, and 5 kW nighttime using the licensed nighttime DA pattern with parameters at variance due to the use of the three slightly shorter towers (while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits). Cumulus must reduce power or cease operation if interference complaints are received, and use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of

¹ WCOA(AM) is licensed for operation on 1370 kHz with 5 kW (ND day and DA night), and BP-20210319AAJ authorizes a reduction in all tower heights and a new nighttime pattern with reduced power.

the Commission's exposure guidelines. See 47 CFR §1.1310. Cumulus must submit an e-mail to my attention to note the date the application was filed to allow our staff to determine if any further STA operation is needed.

This authority expires on April 11, 2022.

Sincerely,

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer Audio Division Media Bureau

cc: Mark N. Lipp, Esq., FHH PLC (via email only)