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Richard S. Denning, VP & GC
Cumulus Licensing LLC
3280 Peachtree Road, NW, Suite 2300
Atlanta, GA 30305

Re: Cumulus Licensing LLC (Cumulus)
WXQW (AM), Fairhope, Alabama
Facility Identification Number: 2541
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA- 20150930AAJ

Dear Mr. Denning:

This is in reference to the request filed on September 30, 2015. Cumulus requests further extension of the STA granted on June 8, 2010, to operate Station WXQW with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits due to damage to one tower.¹ In support of the request, Cumulus filed an FCC Form 301 application (BP-20150821AAF) while awaiting final action on the AM Revitalization proceeding (MB Docket 13-249).

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.

¹ WXQW is licensed for operation on 660 kHz with 10 kW day (ND) and 0.85 kW night (DA). The application ((BP-20150821AAF) proposes to change the nighttime pattern by using the two remaining towers, eliminating the need to replace the damaged tower.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and station WXQW may continue to operate with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. Cumulus 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. We anticipate that BP-20150821AAF will be granted within the next few months (barring no problems/delays), which will allow Cumulus to file an FCC Form 302 application.

This authority expires on **April 20, 2016**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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cc: Andrew Kersting, RLH (via e-mail)