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September 29, 2015

Gordon Ichikawa, President
Tower Broadcasting LLC
56 Gail Drive
Owego, NY 13827-1057

Re: Tower Broadcasting LLC (TB)
WELM(AM), Elmira, NY
Facility Identification Number: 52120
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA- 20150910AEN

Dear Mr. Ichikawa:

This is in reference to the request filed on September 10, 2015. TB requests a third extension of the STA originally granted on February 5, 2014, to operate station WELM(AM) with emergency nighttime facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680 to allow time to resolve problems also affecting co-located station WEHH(AM).¹ In support of the request, TB states that it is proceeding forward with the resolution of all problems after finalizing ownership of the station last month.

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 WELM(AM) is licensed for operation on 1410 kHz with 5 kW day (ND) and 1 kW night (DA).

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WELM(AM) may continue to operate with a temporary ND antenna and reduced power not to exceed 0.25 kW nighttime (with no change to the licensed daytime facility). It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. TB 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. TB will need to file an acceptable FCC Form 302 application after all repairs have been completed (including replacement of the 1 kW transmitter since unable to repair) if any operating parameter changes are needed. Otherwise, TB must file a one page letter to the attention of supervisory engineer Son Nguyen to certify the resumption of licensed operations per the most recent license (BZ-20101112AXC).

This authority expires on **March 29, 2016**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Szczesny', with a large loop on the left side and a smaller loop on the right side.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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cc: John F. Garziglia, Esq., WCSR PLLC (via e-mail)