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Gordon Ichikawa, President
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Re: Tower Broadcasting LLC (TB)
WELM(AM), Elmira, NY
Facility Identification Number: 52120
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20160324AAU

Dear Mr. Ichikawa:

This is in reference to the request filed on March 24, 2016. TB requests a fourth extension of the STA granted on February 5, 2014, to operate station WELM(AM) with temporary ND nighttime facilities due to multiple problems also affecting co-owned station WEHH(AM).¹ In support of the request, TB states that additional time is needed to repair the ground system and restore licensed operations (which involves the removal of trees and heavy vegetation over a large area).

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.

Based upon the information submitted in this request, indicating repairs are needed to the

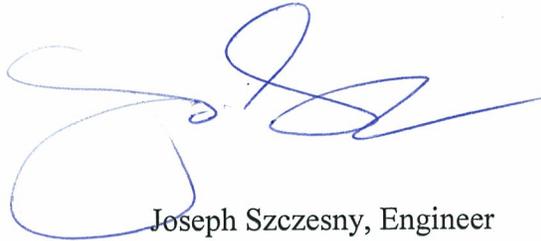
¹ WELM(AM) is licensed for operation on 1410 kHz with 5 kW day (ND) and 1 kW night (DA).

ground system, along with the unresolved nighttime diplexing and transmitter failure problems over the past two years, TB must complete all work and then file an FCC Form 302 application to update all operating parameters. The 302 application (when filed) should specify if the damaged nighttime transmitter was replaced by a new or used transmitter, since we are aware that many older AM transmitters cannot be repaired due to lack of available parts and manufacturer support.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and station WELM(AM) may continue to operate with a temporary nighttime ND antenna and a maximum power of 0.25 kW (with no change to the licensed 5 kW ND 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.*

This authority expires on **October 15, 2016.**

Sincerely,



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