



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
July 13, 2023

Gordon Ichikawa, Sole Member  
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-20230627AAC

Dear Mr. Ichikawa:

This is in reference to the request filed on June 27, 2023. TB requests a further extension of the STA granted on February 5, 2014, to continue operating with nighttime parameters at variance to allow time to file the required FCC Form 301 applications for both WELM and WLWY.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, TB said that it plans to file the applications to change to permanent day and night ND 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 TB may continue to operate at night with DA parameters at variance and reduced power if needed to maintain monitor points within licensed tolerances, with no change to the licensed 5 kW daytime ND operation. TB must reduce power or cease operations if complaints of interference are

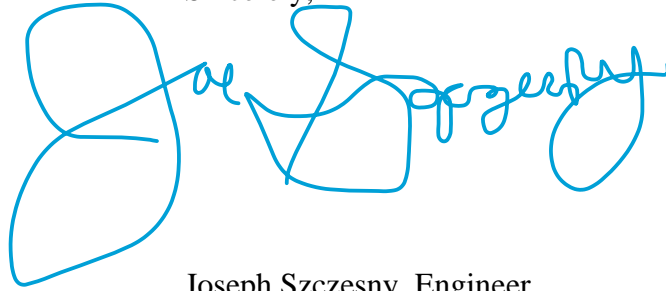
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<sup>1</sup> WELM(AM) is licensed for operation on 1410 kHz with 5 kW day (ND) and 1 kW night (DA).

received, and 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 **January 9, 2024.** <sup>2</sup>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Szczesny", written in a cursive style.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: F. Reid Avett, Esq., WBD LLP (via e-mail only)

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<sup>2</sup>Periods of operation pursuant to this STA shall be recorded in the station's records (see 47 CFR § 73.1820). The records shall include start/stop dates and times of such operation. These log entries must be maintained for a minimum of two years as specified in 47 CFR § 73.1840(a), unless a longer retention period is requested by the staff. Periods of operation may be subject to independent verification that they in fact occurred.