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February 23, 2016

David Dawson, President, CCR  
Catholic Community Radio, Inc.  
5657 Parkhaven Drive  
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Re: Catholic Community Radio, Inc. (CCR)  
WQNO (AM), New Orleans, Louisiana  
Facility Identification Number: 74090  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA- 20160201ALK

Dear Mr. Dawson:

This is in reference to the request filed on February 1, 2016. CCR requests a further extension of the STA originally granted on October 3, 2005, to operate with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680 due to hurricane damage to the array.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, CCR states that additional time is needed until April 30, 2016 to complete all work (so that the required FCC Form 302 application can be filed).

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.

We noted that the previous STA expired on January 23, 2016, and this request was filed on February 1, 2016. Nevertheless, although the Commission's rules require that an STA extension be

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<sup>1</sup> WQNO is licensed for DA operation on 690 kHz with 10 kW day and 5 kW night, and (BP-20130930AWX) authorizes operation using a 9.1 kW day (ND) and 2.1 kW night (DA) patterns using two new shorter towers.

filed at least ten days prior to expiration, our review indicates that the circumstances presented warrant grant of STA in order to provide for service to the public, but this request will be considered a new STA in light of the lapse of time between the last expiration and the filing of this request. As a result, the authority granted herein does not cover the period between January 23, 2016, and February 1, 2016, and is without prejudice as to whatever action the Commission may take with respect to unauthorized operation during that time period.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and station WQNO(AM) may continue to operate with an emergency ND antenna not to exceed 2.5 kW day and 1.25 kW night. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CCR 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. CCR may need to file a final extension request on the expiration date shown below to operate for a short period of time with parameters at variance based upon the patterns authorized by BP-20130930AWX (unless program test authority has already been granted).

This authority expires on **April 30, 2016**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a wavy tail, positioned above the typed name.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
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cc: Stuart W. Nolan Jr., Esq., LWA PLLC (via e-mail)