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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

ATTN: Media Bureau (Audio)

RE: Request to Extend Engineering Special Temporary Authority

WTAQ Green Bay, WI
FACID: 42086
BESTA-20221206AAA

Dear Madam Secretary:

On behalf of Midwest Communications, Inc., licensee of the above-referenced station, you are respectfully requested to extend special temporary authority for station WTAQ to continue operation with nighttime parameters at variance while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.

As reported previously, a malfunctioning sampling system line has been discovered at the base of 1 of the 4 towers exclusive to the night DA system. Daytime operation is unaffected.

In recent years, the night tower field has sustained a regular state of standing water or mire. The cause is unclear but is believed to be due in part to heavier than normal rainfall in combination with construction on adjacent properties and related new paved surfaces and contour grading which drains surface water runoff to the WTAQ tower site. Under these conditions, multiple contractors have advised that it is infeasible for machinery to enter the site to retrieve the conduits and conduct needed repairs pursuant to good broadcast engineering practice.

The station hired a contractor to repair the WTAQ night operation. However, due to wet soil, the contractor's staffing shortage and pre-existing work schedule commitments, no date is yet scheduled to commence WTAQ work. The station will explore potential alternate contractors.

Further, the station has entered into discussion with a consulting broadcast engineer to explore the potential feasibility and advisability of potential facilities modification which would permit relocating the night tower site.

STA is in the public interest so that the station may continue to broadcast important information to its listening audience until repairs may be completed.

Applicant certifies that neither applicant nor any party to the application is subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862.

Please address any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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