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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- 20171206AAY

Dear Mr. Ichikawa:

This is in reference to the request filed on December 6, 2017. TB requests a further extension of the STA granted on February 5, 2014, to continue to operate ND with reduced power due to required repairs to stations WELM and WEHH.¹ In support of the request, TB states that additional time is needed to complete all repairs.

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 STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and TB may continue to operate ND daytime with a maximum of 5 kW, and ND at night using a maximum of 0.25 kW. TB must further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are

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

received, and 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 must file an FCC Form 302 application to update all operating parameters after all the extensive repairs have been completed (since noticeable changes are anticipated).

This authority expires on **July 2, 2018**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a cursive 'S' and 'Z'.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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