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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-20170504ABG

Dear Mr. Ichikawa:

This is in reference to the request filed on May 4, 2017. TB requests a further extension of the STA granted on February 5, 2014, to continue to operate ND with reduced power due to operational problems for both stations (co-located with WEHH).¹ In support of the request, TB states that the WELM daytime 5 kW transmitter has been repaired, but additional time is needed to repair the phasor and diplexing equipment.

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:

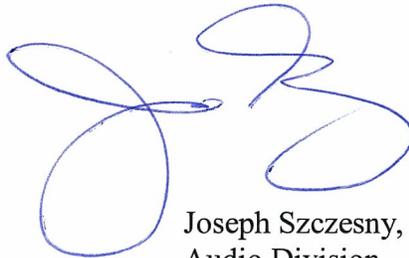
- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

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

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and TB may operate ND daytime with a maximum of 5 kW, and ND at night using a maximum of 0.25 kW. 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. TB must file an FCC Form 302 application to update all operating parameters after all repairs have been completed if any changes are needed. Otherwise an e-mail must be submitted to certify the date the station resumed licensed operations per BZ-20101112AXC with negligible changes.

This authority expires on **December 6, 2017**.

Sincerely,

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

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
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cc: John F. Garziglia, Esq., WCSR PLLC (via e-mail only)