



**Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

June 1, 2021

**MEDIA BUREAU
AUDIO DIVISION
APPLICATION STATUS:** (202) 418-2730
HOME PAGE: www.fcc.gov/media/radio/audio-division

ENGINEER: Joseph Szczesny
TELEPHONE: (202) 418-2700
FACSIMILE: (202) 418-1410
E-MAIL: Joseph.Szczesny@fcc.gov

Paul Rahmlow
Midwest Communications, Inc.
904 Grand Ave.
Wausau, WI 54403

Re: Midwest Communications, Inc. (MCI)
WTAQ(AM), Green Bay, WI
Facility Identification Number: 42086
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20210506AAF

Dear Mr. Rahmlow:

This is in reference to the request filed on May 6, 2021. MCI requests a further extension of the STA granted on April 30, 2019, to continue operating with nighttime parameters at variance to allow time to file the required FCC Form 302 application.¹ In support of the request, MCI states that additional time will be needed to finish repairs to the damaged nighttime sampling system, and then file the application to update all operating parameters.

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 MCI may continue to operate with nighttime DA parameters at variance and/or with reduced power to maintain monitor points within licensed tolerances (with no change to the licensed daytime operation). MCI must reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are

¹ WTAQ(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 1360 kHz with 10 kW (day) and 5 kW (night) using different patterns.

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.* MCI must submit an e-mail to my attention to note the date an FCC Form 302 application was filed to make necessary changes to the operating parameters, as is normally required when the sampling system has been damaged.

This authority expires on **November 30, 2021.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop on the left side and a long, sweeping line extending to the right.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: John Neely, Esq., MN PC (via email only)