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December 20, 2016

Argie D. Tidmore  
Pottsville Broadcasting Company, Inc.  
P.O. Box 540  
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Re: Pottsville Broadcasting Company, Inc. (PBC)  
WPPA(AM), Pottsville, PA  
Facility Identification Number: 53134  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA-20161216AAX

Dear Mr. Tidmore:

This is in reference to the request filed on December 16, 2016. PBC requests an extension of the STA granted on May 31, 2016, to operate station WPPA with parameters at variance due to ground system radial repairs (due to theft) which may require a partial proof.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, PBC stated that all repairs have been completed, and that an FCC Form 302 application will be submitted if any changes to the licensed operating parameters are needed.

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 November 27, 2016, but this request was not filed until December 16, 2016. Nevertheless, our review indicates that the circumstances presented warrant grant of STA in order to provide for service to the public, and that the requested STA facilities are the same as were previously authorized. However, in light of the lapse of time between the expiration of the prior STA and the filing of the instant request, the authority granted will not

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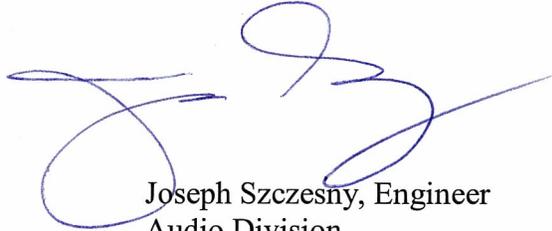
<sup>1</sup> WPPA(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 1360 kHz with 5 kW day and 0.5 kW night using different patterns.

cover the period between November 27 and December 16, 2016, and is without prejudice as to whatever action the Commission may take with respect to operation during that period.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and PBC may continue to operate with parameters at variance from licensed values and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. PBC 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. PBC must submit an e-mail or letter to our staff to certify the station has resumed licensed operations per BZ-20041004AEJ with negligible changes (before the expiration date shown below). Otherwise an FCC Form 302 application must be filed in the upcoming months to update all operating parameters if any changes are needed.

This authority expires on **June 20, 2017**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
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