



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554
October 12, 2023

Christopher J. Henderson, EVP/Secretary
Salem Communications Holding Corporation
4880 Santa Rosa Road
Camarillo, CA 93012

Re: Salem Communications Holding Corporation
WLSS(AM), Sarasota, FL
Fac. ID No.: 59126
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
LMS File No.: 0000221880

Dear Mr. Henderson:

This is in reference to the request filed on October 3, 2023. SCHC requests a further extension of the STA granted on October 3, 2022, to continue operating ND with reduced power to allow time to file the required direct measurement of power application (302-AM) in LMS after installing two new replacement towers to replace those destroyed by Hurricane Ian in 2022.¹ In support of the request, SCHC stated that a tower crew is being scheduled to move forward with the project to restore licensed operations.

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.

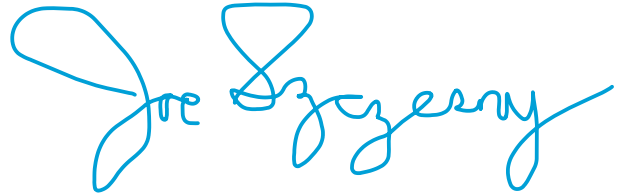
Accordingly, the request for extension of the STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and SCHC may continue to operate ND using either tower #2 or #4 with a maximum of 1.25 kW daytime and 0.75 kW nighttime. SCHC must reduce day or night power further or cease operations if

¹ WLSS(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 930 kHz with 5 kW day and 3 kW night using different patterns.

complaints of interference are 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.

This authority expires on **April 11, 2024.**²

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Kathleen A. Kirby, Esq., WR LLP (via email only)

²Periods of operation pursuant to this STA shall be recorded in the station's records (see 47 CFR § 73.1820). The records shall include start/stop dates and times of such operation. These log entries must be maintained for a minimum of two years as specified in 47 CFR § 73.1840(a), unless a longer retention period is requested by the staff. Periods of operation may be subject to independent verification that they in fact occurred.