



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
January 16, 2024

David Sinclair, President  
Sinclair Telecable Inc.  
500 Dominion Tower  
999 Waterside Drive  
Norfolk, VA 23510

Re: Sinclair Telecable Inc. (STI)  
WTAR(AM), Norfolk, VA  
Fac. ID No.: 60472  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
LMS File No.: 0000234812

Dear Mr. Sinclair:

This is in reference to the request filed on January 4, 2024. STI requests an extension of the STA granted on July 13, 2023, to continue operating day and night with a reduced nominal power of 5 kW to allow time to replace the 50 kW transmitter (if unable to repair).<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, STI stated that additional time will be needed to determine if the old transmitter can be repaired since the manufacturer no longer supplies support or parts.

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

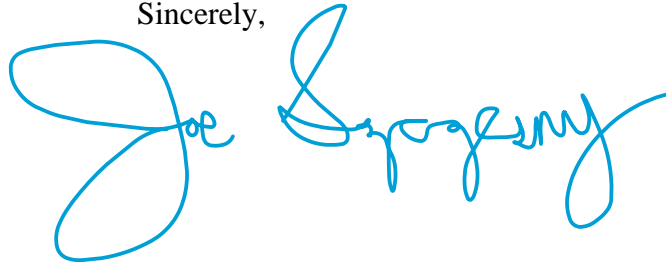
Accordingly, the request for extension of the STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and STI may continue to operate with a reduced daytime and nighttime nominal power of 5 kilowatts. STI must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. See 47 CFR § 1.1310. STI must file an electronic Restoration of Licensed Operations notice in LMS to certify the date the station resumed operations per BMML-20100526AFH with negligible changes to all parameters after the 50 kW transmitter has been replaced/repaired.

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<sup>1</sup> WTAR(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 850 kHz with 50 kW day and 25 kW night using different patterns.

This authority expires on **July 15, 2024.**<sup>2</sup>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" being more prominent and the last name "Szczesny" written in a more compact, cursive style.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Mark N. Lipp, Esq. FHH PLC (via e-mail only)  
David Morgan, Director of Engineering, STI (via e-mail only)

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<sup>2</sup>Periods 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.