



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554
April 18, 2024

Richard S. Denning, EVP/GC
Cumulus Licensing LLC
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Atlanta, GA 30342

Re: Cumulus Licensing, LLC (CLL)
WAYS(AM), Conway, SC
Fac. ID No.: 17484
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
LMS File No.: 0000243005

Dear Mr. Denning:

This is in reference to the request filed on April 3, 2024. CLL requested an extension of the STA granted on October 3, 2023, to continue operating with a reduced daytime power level to allow time to repair recent flood related damage to the new 5 kW daytime transmitter power supply and elevate the transmitter to attempt to prevent possible future flood damage.¹ In support of the request, CLL stated that additional time will be needed to complete all required repairs and modifications.

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 CLL may continue to operate with a reduced nominal daytime power of 1 kW (with no change to the licensed nighttime DA operation). CLL 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.* CLL must file an electronic Restoration of Licensed Operation notice in LMS after all work has been completed to certify the date the station was able to resume licensed

¹WAYS(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 1050 kHz with 5 kW day and 0.473 kW night using different patterns.

operations per BMML-20150821ACA with negligible changes to all parameters to ensure a 302-AM application filing is not needed.

This authority expires on **October 15, 2024**.²

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" written in a large, looped script and the last name "Szczesny" following in a similar style.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Mark N. Lipp, Esq., FHH PLC (via e-mail only)

² 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.