



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554
July 5, 2023

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-20230612AAB

Dear Mr. Rahmlow:

This is in reference to the request filed on June 12, 2023. 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 301 application to make permanent changes to the nighttime facility (since it may be impossible to make all necessary repairs to the old licensed nighttime antenna system).¹ In support of the request, MCI stated that it has been unable to repair the nighttime directional antenna system over the past four years due to various issues, and has retained a consulting engineer to determine if feasible to propose a new nighttime facility elsewhere.

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 reduced power if needed to maintain monitor points within licensed tolerances (with no change to the licensed daytime

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

10 kW directional operation). MCI must reduce the night power or cease night operations if complaints of interference are 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.*

This authority expires on **January 2, 2024.**²

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop on the left side.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: John S. Neely, Esq., MN PC (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.