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March 31, 2020

John L. Hendrickson, President  
Flathead Valley Wireless Association LLC  
P.O. Box 1596  
Kalispell, MT 59903

Re: Flathead Valley Wireless Association LLC  
(FVM)  
KGEZ(AM), Kalispell, MT  
Facility Identification Number: 60575  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
BESTA-20200304AAD

Dear Mr. Hendrickson:

This is in reference to the request filed on March 4, 2020. FVW requests a further extension of the STA granted on August 16, 2018, to continue ND operation at the licensed site to allow time to file the required FCC Form 301 application after removal of one tower (due to proposed sale of the property by the land owner).<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, FVW stated that a new site has been located, but additional time will be needed to prepare and file the application.

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 FVW

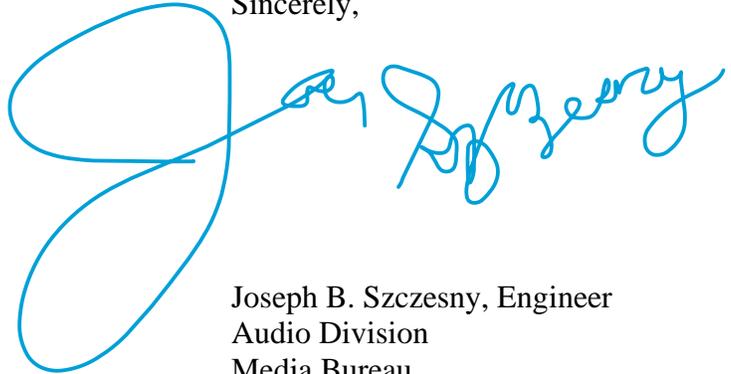
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<sup>1</sup> KGEZ(AM) is licensed for DA operation on 600 kHz with 5 kW day and 1 kW night, using different patterns.

may continue to operate ND daytime using the remaining licensed site tower, with a maximum of 1.25 kW day and 0.25 kW night. FVW must reduce power or cease operation 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 **September 30, 2020**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph B. Szczesny". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

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