



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554
September 20, 2022

Donald W. Curtis, President
First State Communications, Inc.
3012 Highwoods Blvd, Suite 201
Raleigh, NC 27604

Re: First State Communications, Inc. (FSC)
WPTF(AM), Raleigh, NC
Facility Identification Number: 21630
Special Temporary Authority (STA)
BESTA-20220916AAC

Dear Mr. Curtis:

This is in reference to the request filed on September 16, 2022. FSC requests a further extension of the STA originally granted on October 15, 2021, as last modified on March 24, 2022, to continue operating with temporary nighttime parameters to allow time to file the required FCC Form 302 applications for co-owned stations WPTF and WKIX.¹ In support of the request, FSC stated that additional time is needed to file the 302 applications for both stations to resolve all remaining issues related to the relocation of station WKIX.

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 FSC may continue to operate with a maximum of 10 kW at night (ND) using the daytime tower, with no change to the licensed 50 kW daytime ND operation. FSC may also operate at night using the licensed nighttime 50 kW DA pattern with parameters at variance and reduced power if needed to maintain all monitor points within licensed limits. FSC must reduce the nighttime power level or cease nighttime 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.

¹ WPTF(AM) is licensed for operation on 680 kHz with 50 kW ND day and DA night.

This authority expires on **March 19, 2023**.

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 larger, more prominent script than the last name "Szczesny".

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Coe W. Ramsey, Esq., BP (via email only)