

Request for Special Temporary Authorization

Radio License Holding CBC, LLC (“RLH”), pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the FCC’s rules, hereby requests a special temporary authorization (“STA”) for radio station WLAV-FM, Grand Rapids, Michigan (Facility ID 41680) for a period of 180 days.

Station WLAV-FM is licensed to operate on Channel 245 with 50 kW effective radiated power at 149 meters height above average terrain. The requested STA is necessary due to the loss of WLAV-FM’s licensed transmitter site. RLH filed an application on September 5, 2017 to relocate WLAV-FM’s transmitter with several other broadcast facilities. *See* File No. BPH-20170905ABX. That application was granted on October 3, 2017. RLH subsequently found, however, that its proposed new site had been constructed on a landfill and a structural engineering study demonstrated that the proposed tower structure would not support the WLAV-FM antenna.

Accordingly, RLH proposes to temporarily co-locate the WLAV-FM antenna at the same site as co-owned station WBBL-FM, Greenville, Michigan which is approximately 8.7 miles (14.1 km) east of WLAV-FM’s licensed transmitter site. As demonstrated in the attached contour map, the proposed STA operation will be entirely within WLAV-FM’s licensed 54 dBu service contour.

For the reasons stated herein, RLH respectfully requests an STA for a period of 180 days pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the Commission’s rules to operate WLAV-FM from its proposed new transmitter site at reduced power until it is able to locate a suitable permanent transmitter site at which it will be able to return WLAV-FM to licensed power. The requested STA will serve the public interest because it will enable the station to continue to serve the residents of Grand Rapids and the surrounding area until RLH can return the station to full licensed power.