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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

ATTN: Media Bureau (Audio)

RE: Request to extend Engineering STA

WOAM(AM) Peoria, IL
FACID: 33878
BSTA-20220429AAG

Dear Madam Secretary:

On behalf of American Education Foundation, Inc., licensee, you are respectfully requested to extend special temporary authority for station WOAM to operate at 500 W day and night while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits.

WOAM's licensed 4-tower directional DA-2 system was built in the 1960s and has become a maintenance / financial issue to maintain licensed parameters. We are advised by our consulting broadcast engineer that the antenna system will require extensive rebuilding at significant related cost.

Given marketplace realities that resources reasonably available to a stand-alone non-major market AM station will not sustain the cost associated with rebuilding the antenna system, we have come to the conclusion to file a CP application for WOAM to become a regional daytimer station operating with permissive night power.

Preliminary allocation engineering for the proposed modifications is completed and indicates that 250 watts nondirectional day from the current site should work. There are still some population count calculations that need to be done to show that current interference given/received areas would not increase with the anticipated minor modification.

Barring unforeseen intervening events which may delay progress, we anticipate the minor change application for WOAM will be ready to file within approximately the next 30 days.

STA is in the public interest so that the station may broadcast important information to its listening audience until modifications may be implemented.

Applicant certifies that neither applicant nor any party to the application is subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862.

Please address any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

John S. Neely

