

WSPL(AM) Special Temporary Authority Extension Request

Shaw Local Radio Co., ("Shaw"), just recently purchased WSPL(AM), Streator, IL (FAC: 63535), consummating the transaction on April 3, 2023 following FCC approval. WSPL(AM) is licensed to operate from a two-tower directional array. However, pursuant to Special Temporary Authority in FCC File No. BSTA-20200228AAJ, as most recently extended in FCC File No. BESTA-20221004AAA, the towers were partially dismantled by the prior licensee after a tower inspection reported that the towers were unsafe and should be immediately dismantled. A 40-foot section of the south tower was retained for temporary operations pursuant to the STA.

As the new licensee, Shaw is evaluating the options for WSPL(AM)'s operation and respectfully requests a further extension of STA to continue operating WSPL(AM) nondirectionally from the south tower at the current reduced tower height and a reduced daytime power of 0.11 kW (day) and 0.035 kW (night). Further extension of STA will allow the new licensee to continue to provide WSPL(AM)'s service to the public while it evaluates its options with respect to the station.