

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authorization

Radio License Holding CBC, LLC (“RLH”), pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the FCC’s rules, hereby requests that the initial special temporary authorization (“STA”) for radio station WIBR(AM), Baton Rouge, Louisiana (Facility ID 61275) (File No. BSTA-20130801AWD, as extended, *inter alia*, by File No. BESTA-20161205AAG), be extended for an additional 180 days.

Station WIBR is licensed to operate on 1300 kHz with 5.0 kW daytime and 1.0 kW nighttime, employing different directional antenna patterns daytime and nighttime. In its initial STA request, RLH informed the FCC that, prior to acquiring WIBR in 2011, the station’s equipment and transmitter building were completely destroyed by a tropical storm in 2008. Although the prior owner attempted to restore WIBR’s operations, those efforts were successful only temporarily. Upon acquiring the station in 2011, RLH attempted to work with the landlord in an effort to restore WIBR’s facilities, but the lost equipment and transmitter building were not insured, and the parties were unable to resolve issues necessary to reconstruct the station’s transmitter site. RLH subsequently experienced an additional set back in June 2013 when one of WIBR’s four towers collapsed.

After exploring a series of options, RLH has determined that the most cost effective means of restoring WIBR to licensed operation is to duplex the signal of WIBR with station WXOK(AM), Port Allen, Louisiana (Facility ID 11606). RLH has retained a professional contract engineer to inspect, evaluate and install a diplexer at the WIBR/WXOK transmitter site. RLH initially believed that it would be able to construct a dependable diplexer from component parts on the site. It has since discovered, however, that this is not the case and is in the process of seeking bids to obtain the necessary equipment in appropriate weather proofed enclosures. RLH also is in the process of working with an adjacent property owner to secure an easement that will enable it to bury two new co-axial cables across the landowner’s property between the stations’ transmitter building and the tower.

For the reasons stated herein, RLH respectfully requests a further extension of the STA to allow WIBR to operate with an emergency nondirectional antenna and reduced power not to exceed 1.25 kW during the day and 0.25 kW at night for a period of 180 days. The requested extension would serve the public interest because it would enable WIBR to continue to provide service to the residents of Baton Rouge and the surrounding area until it can return the station to licensed operation.