

**Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authorization**

Cumulus Licensing LLC (“Cumulus”), pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the FCC’s rules, hereby requests that the initial special temporary authorization (“STA”) for radio station WXQW(AM), Fairhope, Alabama (Facility ID 2541) (File No. BSTA-20100604AFU, as extended, *inter alia*, by File No. BESTA-20161117ABC), be extended for an additional 180 days.

Station WXQW is licensed to operate on 660 kHz with 10 kW daytime nondirectional, and 0.85 kW at night, employing a directional antenna. Cumulus previously informed the Commission that one of the towers in WXQW’s nighttime directional antenna system sustained significant damage when it was struck by a truck and would need to be replaced. As a result, the FCC granted Cumulus authority to operate WXQW with parameters at variance and/or reduced power at night while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. BSTA-20100604AFU.

Cumulus subsequently filed a construction permit application to modify WXQW’s nighttime facilities to operate directionally with 0.18 kW effective radiated power, while maintaining the existing daytime operation and power of 10 kW. The modification proposal changed WXQW’s station class from a Class B to a Class D facility. File No. BP-20150821AAF, granted January 20, 2016. Although Cumulus initiated the process of designing the phasing networks necessary to construct the Class D facility, the licensee subsequently discovered that it would not be economically practical to implement the facilities authorized in its existing construction permit.

Accordingly, Cumulus filed another construction permit application for WXQW on January 18, 2017 (File No. BP-20170118ABN) proposing a non-directional operation with reduced power during nighttime hours. The application was recently granted on May 31, 2017. Cumulus has obtained quotes for the parts necessary to implement the construction permit, and identified both a consultant and a tower crew necessary to complete the project. The tower crew will construct the detuning skirt for the remaining tower, which Cumulus now has elected to retain at the site. Cumulus is still in the process of obtaining a quote for a detuning network component box, which it anticipates having from the manufacturer very soon. Cumulus will then need to have its quotes approved and the parts shipped for delivery. In the case of the detuning network component box, the manufacturer will need to construct that box prior to shipping it to Cumulus.

For the reasons stated herein, Cumulus respectfully requests a further extension of the existing STA for a period of 180 days pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the Commission’s rules to operate WXQW with parameters at variance and/or reduced power while maintaining monitor points within licensed limits. The requested extension will serve the public interest because it will enable WXQW to continue to serve the residents of Fairhope, Alabama and the immediate surrounding area until it can complete construction of the facilities authorized by BP-20170118ABN and file a covering license application.