

Request for Extension of STA

October 2016 Update: The licensee respectfully requests further extension of special temporary authority most recently extended in LMS Application Number 0000010534.

As previously reported, the licensee undertook significant effort and expense to rebuild the roadway surface to gain access to the station's tower site on a mountain. Since the last STA extension request, access to the site has diminished due to flooding and erosion. This coupled with continuing concerns with a problematic underground coal seam which must be monitored for possible geologic subsidence (or pits) has meant evaluation of and repairs to the transmitter have continued to be very slow. In fact, the site can only be accessed using 4x4 vehicles at this time. The licensee is continuing its work with consulting engineers to evaluate and resolve the problems with the site and the transmitter.

The public interest would be served by grant of the request for extension of STA to operate at reduced power for 6 months while the licensee continues to monitor the site and works to make the required repairs.

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