

Extension Request for Silent Authority
West Virginia Educational Broadcasting Authority

Explanation of Extraordinary Circumstances

Due to budget constraints, the West Virginia Educational Broadcasting Authority (“WVEBA”) requests continuing special temporary authority for the following TV translator stations to remain silent:

Call Sign	Facility ID	City, State
W07DN-D	167352	Wardensville, WV
W09CT-D	167353	Mathias, WV
W41AO	71688	Hampshire, WV

Over the past three years, WVEBA has lost more than \$1 million in state funding. In order to counterbalance these budget cuts, on May 27, 2016, WVEBA decided to temporarily stop operation on its five most expensive TV translators while it assesses whether the cost of continued operation of these translators is justified, and requested special temporary authority for these TV translators to remain silent. The Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) granted WVEBA’s request for special temporary authority on June 6, 2016. Since that time, WVEBA has notified the FCC that it has resumed operations of two of the five TV translators for which it had obtained silent authority. WVEBA has not yet resumed operations of the the TV translators listed in the chart above, and thus hereby respectfully requests an extension of the STA granted by the FCC in June 2016. Grant of this application is in the public interest because it will allow WVEBA to operate within its budget while continuing to serve the vast majority of its audience over its three full power television stations, through retransmission on cable and satellite providers, and over the internet.