

## **Request for Special Temporary Authorization**

JBS, Inc. (“JBS”), acting pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 73.1635, hereby requests Special Temporary Authorization (the “STA”) for low power television station WJHJ-LP, Newport News, Virginia (“WJHJ”) to continue to operate with reduced power for a period up to 180 days.

The current operational status of WJHJ was precipitated by events involving Samuel Jacobs (“Jacobs”), JBS’s former President and 70% voting stockholder. *See* File No. BLSTA-20140611ABC. On April 13, 2012, following a trial in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Jacobs was convicted of 27 counts of mail fraud, money laundering, engaging in transactions using proceeds from mail fraud, and forgery. Jacobs was sentenced on February 21, 2013 to twelve years in prison.

On February 6, 2014, the Commission released a *Memorandum Opinion and Order* (the “*Order*”) granting a Form 315 application (the “*Transfer Application*”) to transfer control of JBS from Jacobs to Neal Rosenbaum (“Rosenbaum”), who previously held 30% of JBS’s stock. *See* File No. BTCTTA-20120503ABK. That transfer of control was subsequently consummated, and Rosenbaum is now JBS’s sole stockholder.

The *Order* contemplated that Rosenbaum would pursue efforts to sell JBS’s assets, including WJHJ, and then distribute the sale proceeds to, *inter alia*, JBS’s creditors and the victims of Jacobs’ fraud. Unfortunately, the anticipated sale of the JBS assets did not materialize, and JBS is pursuing other alternatives to obtain sufficient funds to enable JBS to pay its creditors and distribute the anticipated monies to the victims of Jacobs’ fraud. In the meantime, JBS does not generate sufficient income to replace the antiquated equipment used in the operation of WJHJ. Consequently, it is necessary for JBS to continue to use that antiquated equipment and operate WJHJ at reduced power.

The Commission granted WJHJ an initial STA on July 8, 2015 because of JBS’s financial inability to replace antiquated equipment and operate the station at full power. *See* File No. BSTA-20150706ABV. JBS has subsequently filed requests to extend the STA, most recently on December 31, 2018 (which the FCC granted on January 2, 2019). *See* File No. 0000064436. The STA was permitted to lapse on July 1, 2019 due to an inadvertent calendaring error. Because the License Management System does not permit the extension of a lapsed authorization, this application is identified as a request for a new Special Temporary Authority.

On May 29, 2018 WJHJ filed an application in the special displacement window to operate its facilities on Channel 34 from its currently-authorized location. *See* File No. 0000054621. The displacement application was granted on February 2, 2019. Under the financially-constrained environment described above, WJHJ believes that its resources should best be used to construct the facilities authorized by its displacement authorization rather than on returning its current facilities to full power. Therefore, extension of the STA would serve the public interest because it would enable WJHJ to continue to provide service to viewers and conserve scarce financial resources until it obtains sufficient monies to comply with the conditions in the *Order*.