

RESPONSE TO SILENT STATION QUESTION

Pursuant to an application (File No. BALH-20200227AAC) for consent to assignment of license, granted April 6, 2020, on May 11, 2020, Bible Broadcasting Network, Inc. ("BBN") acquired the assets and license of WFUR-FM, Grand Rapids, MI, and changed the call sign to "WYHA." An application to convert WYHA to noncommercial educational ("NCE") status (File No. 0000106685) was granted effective upon consummation of the assignment of license. Because WYHA is temporarily off the air, the Audio Division has not yet made the conversion effective.

From the date of the last renewal grant, September 25, 2012, until the date of the consummation, Commission records reflect that the station operated without suspending operations for more than 30 days; however, BBN took the station silent on May 12, 2020, in order to perform the tasks necessary to convert the station to NCE operation. Those tasks include segregating and securing BBN's transmission equipment within space in a building leased from the previous licensee and installing a receive-only satellite dish antenna to receive program material from BBN's headquarters in Charlotte, NC (WYHA will not maintain a local main studio). BBN has a reputation for operating highly reliable stations. Because the main transmitter used by WYHA is old, BBN is considering replacing the transmitter along with other related equipment. Waiting time on equipment could extend the period during which WYHA is off the air.

Finally, the novel COVID-19 virus has resulted in many restrictions in Michigan, which may delay the arrival of BBN's technicians in Grand Rapids to perform the NCE conversion tasks. BBN will resume operation of WYHA as soon as safe and practicable.