

Request for Silent STA
Educational Broadcasting Foundation, Inc.
Description of Extraordinary Circumstances
September 1, 2021

Justification For Grant of Silent STA

Educational Broadcasting Foundation, Inc. (“**EBF**”) is the licensee of non-commercial education television station WLAE-TV, New Orleans, LA, FIN 18819 (“**WLAE**” or the “**Station**”). Hurricane Ida hit New Orleans as a category 4 storm on Sunday, August 29, 2021, causing the master control equipment of WLAE-TV to fail at approximately 4:30 p.m. that day. It’s failure caused the Station’s transmitter to cease working and the Station has been dark continuously since then.

The entire region surrounding New Orleans, including the city itself and the Station, are without electricity for the present and indefinite future. Many technical and logistical challenges and hurdles are severely limiting EBF’s efforts to return the Station on-air, particularly without the availability of power.

WLAE requests, and the foregoing extraordinary circumstances justify, the grant of special temporary authority for the Station to remain silent.