

Notification of Reduced Power Operation
and Request for Special Temporary Authorization

NCE Station WHQR(FM), Wilmington, NC (Facility ID 22656)

Pursuant to Sections 73.1560(d) and 73.1635 of the FCC's Rules, Friends of Public Radio, Inc. ("Licensee"), licensee of noncommercial educational radio Station WHQR(FM), Wilmington, North Carolina, notifies the FCC of the temporary reduced power operation of WHQR and respectfully requests Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") to maintain the reduced power status for more than thirty (30) days.

Station WHQR has been operating at approximately 40% of its authorized power levels since December 4, 2022 due to technical issues beyond its control. Specifically, a failure of the intermediate power amplifier on the BE transmitter has necessitated the reduced power status. The licensee promptly contacted the manufacturer to seek the needed replacement parts, but they did not have the parts on hand and are currently working on other similar orders in their queue. A grant of reduced power STA will therefore serve the public interest by authorizing the licensee to maintain, without interruption, the station's current noncommercial educational radio operation for its local community pending availability, delivery and receipt of the replacement parts (which may require several weeks) and completion of the facility repairs.

Friends of Public Radio, Inc. is a noncommercial educational broadcaster and operates WHQR on a noncommercial educational basis. The licensee and station are therefore exempt from FCC fee requirements pursuant to Sections 1.1116 and 1.1162 of the Commission's Rules.