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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

ATTN: Media Bureau (Audio)

**RE: Request to extend STA to Remain Silent**

WIBU(AM) Paris, IL

FACID: 51152

Dear Madam Secretary:

On behalf of Midwest Communications, Inc., licensee of the above-referenced station, you are respectfully requested to extend special temporary authority for station WIBU to remain silent due to equipment malfunction.

WIBU went silent on August 30, 2022, when the station was not able to sustain reliable operation due to extensive equipment damage resulting from an electrical storm lightning strike power surge.

During the most recent STA period, the licensee has been investigating the extent of the required repairs along with the anticipated extensive cost and company resources which would be required to complete repairs and restore licensed operation. The licensee is collecting final data needed to make an informed decision on the parameters and feasibility of such a project.

Extended authority to remain silent is requested until such time as the licensee may complete its analysis and take steps to resume operation or surrender the broadcast authorization for cancelation.

Applicant certifies that neither applicant nor any party to the application is subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862.

Please address any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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