

WBRA-TV Request for Further Extension of Engineering Special Temporary Authority

Blue Ridge Public Television, Inc. (Blue Ridge PBS), licensee of full-service noncommercial PBS station WBRA-TV hereby request a further extension of its current Special Temporary Authority (STA) (LMS File No. 0000112916, as extended by LMS File No. 0000125205, 0000145009, 0000163538, 0000189600, and 0000202532) to continue operating with 22.0 kW ERP using a non-directional antenna from the same tower location as currently licensed in LMS File No. 0000047419. As demonstrated in the original STA request, this power increase does not cause or receive interference from any other stations.

As a result of the current STA, WBRA-TV has been able to better serve the public interest by providing improved reception to the community, especially for the station's educational programming during the current pandemic. Additionally, no interference problems have arisen while WBRA-TV has been operating pursuant to the STA.

After a rulemaking to change the DTV Table of Allotments, Blue Ridge PBS was recently granted a construction permit for WBRA-TV to change channels to Channel 13 at 66 kW using a directional antenna (LMS File No. 0000213023). Blue Ridge PBS is working diligently to construct these new facilities.