

Basis for Extension of WALQ(AM) Special Temporary Authority

Hughey Communications, Inc. respectfully request extension of the Special Temporary Authority granted February 13, 2023, to operate WALQ with reduced power of 1 kilowatt pending necessary transmitter repairs.

Hughey Communications, Inc. was approved as the assignee of the station in an Assignment Authorization dated March 7, 2023, which was consummated on April 27, 2023. As the previous licensee reported in the last STA request, due to continual problems with its main transmitter, it was necessary for the station to operate during daytime hours with a reduced power of 1 kilowatt using a Harris transmitter.

Hughey Communications, Inc., as the current licensee, can report progress toward necessary repairs. Contract engineers have made progress in troubleshooting, obtaining parts, and making repairs to the WALQ 25KW transmitter. Two of the four power modules have been repaired, but there are still repairs needed before the transmitter can return to the authorized licensed power level. It is hoped that with another extension the components needed to finish the repairs will be received and contract engineers scheduled the work to finish troubleshooting and repairs.

Grant of the requested STA will be in the public interest as it will enable continuation of service of the station to the local community and area listeners until repairs are made and licensed operation can be restored.

Accordingly, Hughey Communications, Inc. respectfully requests extension of the current STA to operate WALQ with reduced power of 1 kilowatt, pending repairs to enable the station to resume operation at 25KW.