

Request for Further Extension of Special Temporary Authority

Townsquare License, LLC (“Townsquare”), licensee of AM broadcast station WOBM (formerly WADB), Asbury Park, New Jersey (Facility ID No. 14895) (“WOBM”), hereby requests a further extension of its Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate WOBM with a non-directional antenna. *See* CDBS File No. BSTA-20230131AAB, *as most recently extended* BESTA-20230131AAB. As described in previous STA requests, control cable failure at WOBM’s tower #3 rendered the station’s directional antenna system inoperative. Far above-normal rainfall during 2018 made access difficult to the wetland portion of the WOBM site near tower #3. After the water receded, Townsquare successfully obtained new estimates for buried cabling installation to replace damaged cables to WOBM’s towers #1 and #3. Nevertheless, as disclosed in previous STA requests, ongoing building construction and work on an adjacent tower have prevented Townsquare from commencing the necessary repairs and modifications to WOBM’s facilities – which continue to hamper Townsquare’s efforts to date.

Impact of Nearby Building Construction

As disclosed in previous STA requests, while the construction has been completed for the four-story apartment building and a new retention basin at a site immediately adjacent to the northwest side of WOBM’s tower and the two new, large warehouse-type buildings on sites immediately adjacent to the south/southeast side of WOBM’s tower, these projects involved the use of heavy reradiating equipment within approximately 400 ft of WOBM’s tower #1. Such activity has likely resulted in significant ground conductivity changes surrounding WOBM’s array, the impact of which can only be assessed now that all construction is complete. Accordingly, Townsquare is continuing to assess the impact of these construction activities on its ability to complete its repairs and modifications to WOBM’s facilities.

Impact of Work on the Adjacent Detuned Tower

As disclosed in the previous STA request, on or about November 8, 2022, damage to the detuning systems (among other issues, a sampling loop used for adjustment and monitoring of the detuning parameters was inadvertently removed) of the adjacent detuned tower (ASR #1044430) (the “Adjacent Tower”) was identified. The damage was caused by the performance of antenna installations on the Adjacent Tower. Townsquare, tower owner, and wireless carrier representatives subsequently performed inspections and coordinated on solutions for repairing the detuning system and installing a replacement sampling loop, among other corrective actions.

During the most recent STA period, there was some progress in repairing the Adjacent Tower’s detuning system and sampling loop – but those efforts remain ongoing and have prevented Townsquare from completing the necessary repairs and modifications to WOBM’s facilities. Accordingly, Townsquare respectfully requests a further extension of its STA to operate WOBM non-directionally until Townsquare: (1) completes all necessary repairs and modifications of WOBM’s facilities; and (2) files a modification application to update WOBM’s operating parameters. Townsquare will promptly notify the Commission when WOBM is able to resume its licensed operations.