

The station has not been able to keep its transmitter above 90% power due to a bad tube. Licensee was finally able to obtain a rebuilt tube in the week of April 10-14 but that tube was a total failure. The station put the old tube back online while it works to obtain a functional tube but the transmitter is holding at between 86% and 88% output.

Since the grant of the STA, Licensee has worked to obtain a replacement transmitter but due to supply chain issues, delivery has not yet occurred. As of 10/20/23, Licensee has been advised that the target shipment date is 12/8/23. It is anticipated that the shipment will arrive by the early part of the week of 12/18/23. If shipment and delivery occur on time, then it is possible that installation may occur by the end of the year. Out of an abundance of caution, Licensee is requesting a full extension of this STA. The transmitter has been holding at less than the power noted above- it is currently operating at approximately 61% output.

This request for STA extension to operate with low power is in the public interest as it will allow the station to continue to provide service to the public while efforts to complete the repair/installation continue.