

**Notification of Reduced Power Operations and Use of Emergency Antenna, and
Request for STA to Operate at Variance from Licensed Parameters**

This filing is to notify the Commission that WURI(FM), Manteo, North Carolina (Fac. ID No. 91803), has been operating at reduced power since late December 12, 2023, as the result of storm damage rendering WURI's main antenna nonfunctional. The licensee has installed an emergency antenna pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 73.1680¹ and is currently operating at approximately 500 watts ERP. The emergency antenna is a Shively 6812B-2, with circular polarization, and is mounted at a HAAT 15 meters lower than the main antenna.

To repair WURI's licensed antenna will likely take several months in light of the fact that the repair will require multiple tower climbs, as well as the sourcing, ordering, and shipment of repair parts. Accordingly, the licensee requests special temporary authority to operate at the technical parameters set forth in the accompanying application for a period of six months.

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¹ Due to confusion with the timeline provided in 47 C.F.R. § 73.1635 for typical STA requests, the notification component of this request is being filed slightly past the notification timeline articulated in 47 C.F.R. § 73.1680(b). To the extent necessary, the licensee therefore respectfully requests waiver of the timeline set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 73.1680. A waiver request may be granted for "good cause" shown, such as where the particular facts make strict compliance inconsistent with the public interest. *See Northeast Cellular Telephone Co. v. FCC*, 897 F.2d 1164, 1166 (D.C. Cir. 1990). In addition, the Commission may take into account considerations of hardship, equity, or more effective implementation of overall policy on an individual basis. *See WAIT Radio v. FCC*, 418 F.2d 1153, 1159 (D.C. Cir. 1969); *Northeast Cellular*, 897 F.2d at 1166. In the present case, the licensee respectfully submits that a waiver of the requirement will serve the public interest by permitting continued service to WURI's community of license, which is a relatively remote coastal town that just underwent a significant storm, during the pendency of the licensee's repair efforts for the main antenna.