

## **JUSSTIFICATION FOR ENGINEERING STA**

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §73.1560(d), this is to respectfully request a 180 day special temporary authorization for KQAQ, 970 kHz, Austin, Minnesota, to operate at reduced power until repairs can be accomplished. As of the time of filing of this request, KQAQ has had to reduce power from its licensed 5,000 watts to approximately 3,500 watts due to an issue with its transmitter's power amplifier (PA) modules. The licensee suspects that this damage has been caused by water damage sustained by the station's transmitter. The licensee works with two separate contract AM engineers, but both are working on other projects at the present time, and, due to the upcoming holiday season, won't be available to us until early 2024.

The public interest, convenience and necessity would be well served by a grant of the requested reduced power STA, which will permit non-commercial KQAQ to remain on the air to serve the community of Austin and the surrounding rural areas in southern Minnesota.