

SILENCE STA EXHIBIT

Arctic Broadcasting Association, Inc. (“Licensee”), the licensee of FM translator K247CV (Facility ID No. 202272), Elim, Alaska (the “Station”), hereby requests special temporary authority (“STA”) to remain silent for a period of 180 days, ending on July 5, 2024, until it can restore its signal and broadcast over the air to the public.

The Station is located in the remote village of Elim, Alaska, which is only accessible by air. Licensee has a contact at the village who checks on the Station as necessary, though most of the monitoring and maintenance can be done remotely via software updates and the like. The Station is fed through a satellite internet connection, pursuant to the Alaska Waiver granted at the time the Station was constructed. *See, e.g.,* FCC File No. BNPFT-20180424AAU; *In the Matter of Amendment of Part 74 of the FM Commission’s Rules Concerning Translator Stations*, Report and Order, 5 FCC Rcd 7212, ¶¶ 22-23 (1990).

In November 2023, Licensee’s satellite provider notified it of a pending contract change that would require Licensee to pay for a static IP address, which would be needed to stream the Station’s signal. This change was slated to occur December 1, 2023, but was delayed until December 13, at which point the change in contract and static IP address were implemented. Licensee still had some technical issues with contacting the translator remotely, but its engineering staff member was working to resolve that issue, and it was not preventing the Station from operating at that time.

On January 5, 2023, Licensee’s engineering staff member realized the Station was off the air, performed a full reboot of the system, and attempted to connect to it remotely once more. Since then, Licensee’s engineer has been attempting to restore the connection and ascertain the problem. However, the engineer has been out of town for a family emergency and, even if they were present, they could not visit the site due to severe blizzard conditions that have lasted for days. When the engineer returns on January 20, 2024, weather permitting, they will travel to the Station’s site, find what is preventing the connection from being established, and take the steps necessary to get the Station back on the air.

Since weather conditions are unpredictable at best in rural Alaska, and Licensee has been unable to discover the core issue preventing the Station from broadcasting, it is unclear when the Station will be able to return to the air. Accordingly, Licensee requests this silent STA for a period of 180 days, to end on July 5, 2024. Should Licensee return to the air before that time, it will promptly notify the Commission.