

KBYS(FM)
Facility ID No. 172777
Further Extension of Engineering STA

This application is for a further extension of Special Temporary Authority that was previously granted and extended (*See* CDBS BSTA-20200917AAP; BESTA-20210317AAF; BESTA-20210915AAA; and BESTA-20220318AAD, LMS 0000199512, LMS 0000212920, and LMS 0000221741).

As previously reported to the Commission, on August 27, 2020, the tower for KBYS's licensed facility (CDBS File No. BLED-20180615ABD) was destroyed by hurricane Laura that devastated Lake Charles, Louisiana. After several unsuccessful attempts using the facilities at KBYS's formerly licensed site (CDBS File No. BLED-20140519AHE), KBYS returned to air at the facilities specified in construction permit CDBS File No. BMPED-20140107APJ, pursuant to the STA described above.

The licensee completed plans with the city of Lake Charles to construct a new tower for operations of KBYS as well as emergency communications facilities for the city of Lake Charles. An Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) was issued for this tower on July 1, 2022 (ASR No. 1322650) and tower construction is complete.

On June 12, 2023, the licensee filed for an FCC construction permit to permanently relocate the facilities for KBYS onto the new tower and that construction permit was granted on July 5, 2023. *See* LMS File No. 0000216602. The new transmitter has been delivered, and power has been routed to it. It has not yet been powered up, however, and testing has not yet been completed. Antenna range testing was completed at Electronics Research Inc., and they are in the process of creating the drawings and determining mounting requirements. The estimated ship date for the antenna is approximately 30–45 days, once the drawings are completed. Other ancillary equipment will be installed over the next several weeks, including switches, Studio Transmitter Link components, processing, etc. The licensee anticipates that, barring unforeseen issues, the antenna will be installed and ready for testing within the next 60–90 days, at the earliest.

Accordingly, KBYS hereby request a further extension of STA to continue operating with a maximum ERP limited to 1.0 kw.