

Request for Extension Of Special Temporary Authority

J&V Communications, Inc. (“J&V”), by its counsel, respectfully requests an extension of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) associated with AM radio station WPRD, Winter Park, Florida (Facility No. 29341) (“Station”) (Original File No. BSTA-20180126AAD, as most recently extended by BESTA-20230523AAC).¹

As previously reported to the Commission, J&V currently is operating the Station’s nighttime facility in non-directional mode at 25 percent of licensed effective radiated power (“ERP”) (250 watts). Work on the restoration of the Station’s directional antenna is continuing, with significant progress being made, but with some setbacks. Additional issues have developed with the antenna system controller for changing operational modes (non-directional and directional). Troubleshooting and repair efforts has been hampered due to lack of documentation for the original system, which was put in place in 1994 – nearly 30 years ago – as well as due to limited availability of some components listed as obsolete, back orders and delivery times of repair parts and components and availability of qualified labor.

Additionally, over the past few months an issue has developed with the antenna monitor (showing no sample reading). For the foregoing reasons, J&V respectfully requests an additional 180 day extension of the STA to operate the Station’s nighttime facility in non-directional mode at 25 percent of ERP.

While the repairs are ongoing, grant of this extension of STA would be in the public interest, as it will allow the Station to continue providing aural service to listeners in Winter Park, Florida and the surrounding areas. J&V will advise the Commission when licensed power to the Station has been restored.

¹ J&V did not file for an extension of STA prior to December 26, 2023 due to administrative oversight. In addition, J&V had been ready to file such extension request as of mid-March 2024, but LMS issues prevented a true and correct version of the request from being filed until today.