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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary, the Honorable Marlene Dortch  
45 L Street NE  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WJFR (FM) Jacksonville, FL  
Facility ID# 20864

To the Honorable Ms. Dortch;

FM station WJFR (FIN: 20864) licensed to Family Stations, Inc. (FSI) to serve the Jacksonville, FL, community as a noncommercial, educational station sustained severe damage to its antenna as a result of lightning strikes in July 2019. With the station operating at about 300 watts under a backup antenna and transmitter, licensee Family Stations, Inc. (FSI) requested that WJFR be authorized to operate at this power (3%) until a tower crew could further investigate the system to resolve the issues. The Commission granted an Engineering STA (BSTA-20190807AAQ) on 8/8/2019.

The City of Jacksonville determined that a building permit was required to replace the existing antenna and the licensee contracted Tower Systems South to provide a structural analysis towards obtaining the building permit. Pending successful structural analysis, grant of building permit, repair and installation of said antenna, transmission line, and possibly transmitter, extension of the STA was requested by FSI and granted on 2/5/2020 (BESTA-20200203APP).

The licensee had begun pursuing other solutions due to the prohibitive costliness of the repairs, including studying relocation options for the station. Another STA Extension was requested by FSI and granted on 8/4/2020 (BESTA-20200803AAO). FSI then entered into a new site lease agreement and was in the process of preparing a modification application to request FCC approval to move to the new site when it requested and was granted another Engineering STA Extension on 2/5/2021 (BESTA-20210203AAG).

The licensee continued in its due diligence in preparing a modification application to request FCC approval to move to the new site when it requested and was granted on 8/12/2021 another extension of the Engineering STA (BESTA - 20210804AAM, expiring 2/8/2022).

It was then that Family Stations, Inc. engaged a local contract engineer to prepare the new site for operations and planned to complete and file a modification application to request FCC approval to move to the new site when it requested another Extension on 2/8/2022 and was granted such on 2/10/2022 (BESTA-20220208AAB).

Since the last Extension granted by the Commission, the licensee filed a modification application to receive FCC approval to move to the new site on 6/29/2022 (LMS File No. 0000194171). Pending Commission grant of this modification, an Extension of the Engineering STA previously granted in CDBS is respectfully requested in order to allow the station to continue to provide service to the Jacksonville community.

The operation of WJFR, as proposed under this STA Request, will not have a significant environmental impact and complies with the Maximum Permissible Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Exposure Limits for controlled and uncontrolled environments. The licensee of WJFR also certifies that it, in coordination with other potential users of the relevant site, will reduced power or crease operation as necessary to protect persons having access to the site, tower, or antenna from radio frequency electromagnetic exposure in excess of FCC guidelines.

The applicant certifies that neither applicant nor any party to the application is subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862.

On behalf of the President of Family Stations, Inc., Thomas Evans, I hereby certify that the statements in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer D. Burkhiser".

Jennifer Burkhiser,

Director of Compliance,  
Family Stations, Inc.

Cc: Thomas Evans, President, FSI.

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