

Rhode Island Public Radio
Station WNPB (NCE-FM), Facility ID No. 53078
Portsmouth RI
Request for Extension of Reduced Power STA
December 2022

CIRCUMSTANCES IN SUPPORT OF STA REQUEST

WNPK is currently operating from its licensed location on the campus of the former licensee, Portsmouth Abbey School, with transmitter operating power of 31 watts and effective radiated power of 72 watts. Special Temporary Authority to so operate was granted July 12, 2022, in FCC File No. 0000194565, expiring January 8, 2023.

Since the station's licensed transmitter site is on the school campus, RIPR must relocate the station's transmitter site. An application for minor changes was filed in September 2021 in File No. 0000161410, and is pending. (Two informal objections were filed against the application.)

RIPR arranged with the school to use the licensed antenna at the licensed transmitter site. RIPR has installed its own transmitter for this purpose, to enable temporary, reduced power operation at the site, pending Commission action on the site change application, and the construction of modified facilities.

The public interest will be served by a grant of this extension request. It will enable the licensee to continue to provide service pending Commission action on the construction permit application.