

Woodchuck Radio, LLC
WEXP(FM), Brandon, VT
Facility Id. No. 64961
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Request for Engineering STA

On July 8, 2021, WEXP went off the air due to a faulty transmitter. Woodchuck Radio received FCC approval to remain silent (File No. BLSTA-20210902AAD).

On June 30, 2022, WEXP resumed operations. The transmitter was replaced; however, it was determined the antenna specified in the license for WEXP is damaged and unstable. Woodchuck Radio has installed an emergency antenna operating with parameters described elsewhere in this application that does not exceed the licensed contours for WEXP.

On July 8, 2022, the FCC granted Woodchuck Radio's request for an Engineering STA for WEXP (File No. 0000194549).

Woodchuck Radio has carefully evaluated the situation and determined that the transmission line to the licensed antenna was damaged during the previous licensee's ownership. The line has been repaired and the antenna tested to confirm that it can be operational. The transmitter that previously powered the station had apparently failed during previous ownership and its replacement by the previous owner is not of sufficient power to operate the station at licensed power, thus the need for the original STA at reduced power. A new transmitter is on order and the station is awaiting delivery.

Woodchuck Radio has worked diligently to identify the problem and arrive at a solution to return WEXP to operation with its licensed facilities. Woodchuck Radio respectfully requests the FCC extend the present Engineering STA for an additional six months.