

Justification for Engineering STA Extension

Bet-Nahrain, Inc. (“Bet-Nahrain”) requests an extension of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate KBSV with temporary facilities from the existing licensed site of co-owned FM station KBES, Ceres, California, as set forth in FCC File No. 0000153736. Bet-Nahrain has been operating with such temporary facilities since it was forced to relocate its transmitter and antenna from the station’s licensed site at Mount Oso when its lease for that location was terminated. KBSV provides the Assyrian people living in Stanislaus County with an important connection to their culture. As stated in its last extension request, Bet-Nahrain has installed a new transmitter for KBSV that will enable the station to operate permanently from the KBES site. Bet-Nahrain is currently in the process of preparing an amendment to its pending application for a construction permit to modify the station’s facilities accordingly and construct the modified facilities upon grant of that application.

Moreover, on May 2, 2023, Bet-Nahrain discovered that a roof leak in KBSV’s transmitter building has caused irreparable damage to the station’s transmitter – thereby causing it to operate at reduced power. Bet-Nahrain is currently working with its insurance company for a replacement transmitter. The damage to KBSV’s transmitter has further delayed Bet-Nahrain’s progress towards modifying the station’s facilities.

Therefore, an extension of STA is respectfully requested.