

**WWWK(FM), Islamorada, FL
(FID 34355)
Request for Further Extension of Engineering STA
FCC File No. 00000213562**

Universal Broadcasting Network LLC (“UBN”), licensee of WWWK(FM), Islamorada, Florida (FID 34355), has been operating pursuant to Engineering STA FCC File No. BSTA-20220412AAB, granted April 14, 2022, extended through October 15, 2023, FCC File No.00000213562. This STA allows WWWK to operate at low power from a 60 foot tower in Homestead, Florida pending identification of a new permanent site as explained below.

By way of background, the WWWK(FM) main facility was rendered inoperable from issues related to Hurricane Irma in the Fall of 2017. UBN had a construction permit granted December 18, 2019 to relocate to a new permanent facility, FCC File No. BPH-20190924ACX. The WWWK transmit antenna was to be located at a tower associated with ASR No. 1308371 at Tavernier, Florida. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond UBN’s control, that tower site became unavailable, requiring WWWK(FM) to find a new tower site.

UBN has worked extremely hard to find a permanent site for its tower while remaining on the air to serve and support its community of license. On August 12, 2022, UBN submitted an application to Crown Castle Towers to relocate to a new permanent site, specifically, a 175 foot tower situated in Key Largo, Florida (Tower ASRN No. 811593, FCC ID No. 1030028). That application has been approved. UBN has also filed an application with the FCC for a new FM antenna auxiliary construction permit to operate from in the Key Largo site, FCC File No. 0000208619, granted March 3, 2023. However, it has since been determined that the Key Largo site will not work as a permanent site because the station cannot provide city grade coverage of Islamorada (its city of license) from that site.

In the meantime, the station’s temporary contour is wholly within its authorized contour as can be seen in the attached contour map associated with UBN’s current STA, and allows WWWK to continue serving the public interest pending identification of a new permanent site that can provide coverage to the station’s city of license. As the Commission may know, it is not easy to find an acceptable site within the Florida Keys, but UBN is still searching.

For the foregoing reasons, UBN respectfully requests a further extension of the current STA.