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To Whom It May Concern:

I am the General Manager at Southeastern Louisiana University's radio station, KSLU 90.9 FM, in Hammond, Louisiana.

KSLU-FM is requesting to extend its current Engineering STA (File No. 0000214488) to continue operating outside the licensed parameters. The resumption of broadcasting at reduced power from a temporary facility has allowed KSLU-FM to provide service to the Southeastern Louisiana University community and surrounding area.

The building that originally housed the KSLU studios, transmitter and tower received significant damage from Hurricane Ida. Tower, studio equipment and transmitting equipment were removed from the damaged building so that repair work could commence.

In accordance with FCC policies, we filed an STA (File No. 0000190921) to enable the process. We initially anticipated being able to restore the tower, but discovered upon closer inspection the integrity of both the tower and antenna were also compromised by the storm.

The move to leased tower space was complicated by an intrusion on the University's digital information network, leading to an extended period of time without network services – the after-effects of which are still being dealt with. The intrusion is under investigation by both Homeland Security and the FBI.

We have secured a tower lease for a permanent location. The Minor Modification (File No. 0000221158) was granted within the last week. The extension request comes as we expeditiously seek a vendor to install equipment at the licensed location.

Southeastern Louisiana University and KSLU are committed to public broadcasting for our community.

Respectfully,

Damon Sunde
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General Manager, KSLU Radio