

REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT AND EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

The University of Rhode Island, licensee of WRIU, FI 69206, Kingston, RI, respectfully requests extension of the authority to operate the station with reduced facilities from a nearby location while the station's tower is replaced.

WRIU's tower had to be removed due to damage from previous storms. Pursuant to a previous STA, the licensee is operating from a backup single bay antenna, utilizing a 500 watt backup transmitter instead of the 2000 watt transmitter which is the station's main transmitter, located approximately 75 feet about ground level (244 feet AMSL) at the Memorial Union Building on the URI college campus at 41-29-52 and 71-31-42. This is also the location of the WRIU main studio and STL and is ¼ mile from the licensed tower.

The old structurally damaged tower has been removed and plans are progressing (albeit slowly) for the reconstruction of a new tower on the site due to the many State agencies that have to sign off on the proposed construction plan for the new tower, shelter and generator. The licensee has new transmitters in storage awaiting delivery to the site when the shelter is delivered. The transmitter shelter and generator are in storage awaiting delivery to the site. The licensee is presently requesting bids from tower companies for quotes to supply the tower and it's construction. The site has passed state environmental testing.

Therefore, the licensee respectfully requests Special Temporary Authority to continue to operate WRIU with approximately 500 watts at the existing alternate location during replacement of the station's tower.