

### **Silent STA and Request for Waiver**

West Virginia Educational Broadcasting Authority (“WVEBA”), licensee of FM Translator Station W220BK (Facility ID No. 81396, Logan, West Virginia; the “Station”) hereby requests a silent special temporary authority (“STA”) because, due to an equipment failure, the Station has temporarily ceased operating its facilities. Specifically, the Station’s transmitter suffered a major failure and is no longer operable. WVEBA is in the process of procuring a replacement transmitter, but anticipates that this may be a lengthy process due to funding constraints, vendor availability, and limited staffing. Accordingly, WVEBA requests a silent STA for a period of 180 days.

As the Commission is already aware, WVEBA is a state-funded entity operating with limited financial resources and an overburdened engineering team. Within the same one-week period that WVEBA’s staff discovered that the Station’s transmitter was no longer operational, several other of WVEBA’s stations also suffered similar transmitter failures. This put a strain on WVEBA’s engineering team, as it quickly sprang into action to locate and install replacement transmitter equipment where possible for some of the stations. As a result of this emergency, WVEBA’s staff inadvertently overlooked the requirement to notify the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or Commission”) staff within 10 days of the Station’s going silent. In light of these extenuating circumstances, and to the extent necessary, WVEBA respectfully requests a waiver of the requirement that a licensee notify the Commission in writing within 10 days of limited or discontinued operation set forth at Section 73.1740(a)(4) of the Commission’s rules.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 73.1740(a)(4).