

## **STA EXTENSION REQUEST**

The Commission's Media Bureau, Audio Division, on July 29, 2011 granted separate requests filed on behalf of WDDD(AM), 810 kHz, Johnston City, Illinois, Facility ID #122 (File No. BLSTA-20110728ABP), and WVON(AM), 1690 kHz, Berwyn, Illinois, Facility ID #87178 (File No. BLSTA-20110728ABN), for "Special Temporary Authorizations" (STA) to continue their respective operations beyond August 2, 2011, until such time as the Commission resolves the rulemaking proceeding in MB Docket Nos. 07-294, 87-267 et al relative to the "expanded AM band" as well as resolves all pleadings relative to the application through which Withers Broadcasting of Southern Illinois, LLC seeks Commission consent to acquire the license of WDDD(AM) from CC Licenses, LLC, File No. BAL-20080806AAU.

WDDD and WVON are so-called "paired stations". The initial covering license for WVON (formerly known as WRLL) was granted on August 2, 2006 in File No. BL-20031001CGE. When the WVON license was granted, it contained the following condition:

Pursuant to MM Docket 87-267, after the 5 year period starting from the date the facility specified herein is initially licensed, licensee will surrender either the expanded band license (WRLL) or its existing band license (WDDD, 810 kHz, Johnston City, IL).

The issue of permitting both "paired stations" to continue operation beyond the 5 year "sunset date" has been before the Commission on a number of occasions over the past few years. The Commission has taken the consistent policy of granting special temporary authorizations to preserve the status quo for "paired stations" until the above-described proceedings have been concluded. Five examples of STA grants to permit continued operation

of standard band “paired stations” beyond the “sunset date” are: KAHl(AM), Auburn, California, Facility ID #48341, File No. BLSTA-20060818AFO; WHWH(AM), Princeton, New Jersey, Facility ID #47426, File No. BLSTA-20060406AED; WJDM(AM), Elizabeth, New Jersey, Facility ID #54563, File No. BLSTA-20080408AFE; WPMH(AM), Portsmouth, Virginia, Facility ID #10759, File No. BLSTA-20061129ARL; KJUA(AM), Cheyenne, Wyoming, Facility ID #54740, File No. BLSTA-20070606APF.

In the instant case, the public interest, convenience and necessity would be well served by preserving the status quo pending the outcome of all pending proceedings relative to the expanded band. WDDD(AM) is the only AM station licensed to Johnston City, and is one of only two Class B AM stations in the Marion-Carbondale-Murphysboro area in southern Illinois (the other is WINI(AM), Murphysboro, FIN 54817). Upon a grant of the requested STA, WDDD will continue to operate to serve Williamson County and nearby areas in rural southern Illinois, some 280 miles south of Chicago. This is particularly important considering the severe weather which has plagued the mid-section of the United States, bringing heavy rains and severe convective weather to the area. The Commission recently recognized the importance of preserving broadcast radio service to rural areas across the nation. ***In the Matter of Policies to Promote Rural Radio Service and to Streamline Allotment and Assignment Procedures*** (MB Docket No. 09-52), 26 FCC Rcd 2556 (March 3, 2011).

There has been no change in the status of either the rulemaking proceeding (MB Docket Nos. 07-294, 87-267 et al relative to the “expanded AM band”) or the Application for Review filed by Withers Broadcasting of Southern Illinois, LLC on September 29, 2010 relative to File No. BAL-20080806AAU.

Therefore, since the factors which led to the grants of the WDDD and WVON STAs are unchanged as of this writing, the public interest, convenience and necessity would be well served by a grant of this STA to permit stations WDDD(AM) and WVON(AM) to continue to operate into the future, subject to the outcome of the proceedings described herein.

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July 29, 2011

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Re: WDDD(AM), Johnston City, Illinois  
Facility Identification Number: 122  
CC Licenses, LLC  
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Counsel:

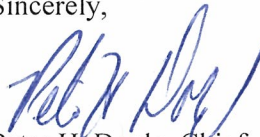
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In order to provide for continued service to the public, we will grant STA for continued operation of Station WDDD beyond the expiration of the five-year term.<sup>2</sup>

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WDDD may continue to operate with its currently licensed facilities, notwithstanding Special Operating Condition #2 of License BL-20031001CGE. We extend the Section 73.3555 Note 10 authority for joint ownership to permit continued operation of Stations WVON and WDDD.

This authority expires on **January 29, 2012**.

Sincerely,



Peter H. Doyle, Chief  
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cc: CC Licenses, LLC

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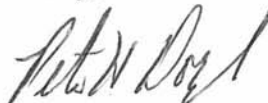
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