

Explanation of Extraordinary Circumstances

On February 11, 2019, the Audio Division of the Federal Communications Commission's Media Bureau ("Media Bureau") granted the West Virginia Educational Broadcasting authority ("WVEBA") special temporary authority ("STA") to operate WVBY(FM), Facility ID No. 71689, Beckley, West Virginia ("WVBY") at reduced power. *See* FCC File No. BSTA-20190211AAA. The reduced power operation described in the STA was implemented to permit WVBY to continue to broadcast until WVEBA is able to procure a new antenna to replace the licensed WVBY antenna, which suffered irreparable damage from falling ice. This STA presently is scheduled to expire on August 11, 2020. *See* FCC File No. BSTA-20190211AAA, as most recently extended by BESTA-20200203AAM.

WVEBA requests a further extension of this STA for an additional 180 days because the circumstances that warranted the initial STA continue. The new antenna has been delivered, but has not yet been installed because the contract for tower installation services has not yet been placed out for bidding in accordance with state procurement laws and procedures. Accordingly, WVEBA requires additional time to complete the installation of the antenna for WVBY.

Grant of this STA extension request is in the public interest because it will allow WVBY to continue to broadcast until WVEBA can contract with a tower installation crew to complete installation of the new antenna.