

Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authorization

Radio License Holding CBC, LLC (“RLH”), pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the FCC’s rules, hereby requests that the existing special temporary authorization (“STA”) for radio station WSSX-FM, Charleston, South Carolina (Facility ID 72378) (File No. BSTA-20161025ABT, as extended by BESTA-20170428ABC), be extended for an additional 180 days.

Station WSSX-FM is licensed to operate on Channel 236 with 100 kW effective radiated power at 305 meters height above average terrain. RLH previously informed the FCC that WSSX-FM currently is operating with 52% of its licensed power due to antenna problems. RLH subsequently discovered, however, that the station’s transmitter would need to be replaced due to its age and other problems. Accordingly, RLH ordered a new transmitter which has been delivered.

RLH previously had obtained quotes and corporate approval to purchase a new antenna and transmission line. The licensee had intended to place orders for this equipment this past summer. However, its plans have been frustrated by the fact that WSSX-FM’s transmitter site is located in a flood zone. The orders for a new antenna, transmission line and a new generator were placed on hold due to negotiations with American Tower, the owner of WSSX-FM’s transmitter site, because it has become necessary for RLH to relocate its transmission equipment, including its new transmitter, to one of two (2) suitable buildings at the site. RLH has been working diligently with American Tower and anticipates that it will be able to reach a final agreement this month, which will enable RLH to place orders for the remaining equipment.

The tower crew and electricians will be able to finalize their quotes as soon as a final agreement is reached with American Tower and it is determined which building RLH will utilize at the site. RLH anticipates that it will have all equipment on the site by the end of the year and that work will be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2018.

For the reasons stated herein, RLH respectfully requests an extension of its existing STA for a period of 180 days pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the Commission’s rules to continue operating WSSX-FM at reduced power. The requested extension will serve the public interest because it will enable the station to continue to serve the residents of Charleston and the surrounding area until the licensee can return the station to full licensed power.