

**Request for Extension of Reduced Power STA for W231AB**

WUNC Public Radio, LLC (“WUNC” or “Licensee”), respectfully requests a ninety (90) day extension of its existing special temporary authority, *see* CDBS File No. BSTA-20201223AAA, to continue to operate W231AB at reduced power. The current STA runs through June 27, 2021.

As noted in the prior STA request, WUNC cannot currently operate W231AB at its fully authorized 80 watts ERP due to an equipment malfunction in W231AB’s power amplifier that occurred under the prior licensee’s ownership and for which replacement parts are no longer manufactured. The Licensee has been diligently working to restore W231AB to full-power operations, but has been impeded both due to the lack of available replacement equipment and the fact that W231AB is located on the premises of a hospital, which—as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic—has necessitated that the Licensee use increased caution to ensure the health and safety of hospital stakeholders (e.g., medical professionals, patients, vendors, etc.) and the crew members working on W231AB’s repairs. Despite these obstacles, the Licensee has recently been able to partially restore W231AB’s output power to approximately 40 watts (as noted in the prior STA request, W231AB was previously operating at only 15 watts). The Licensee has also retained a repair specialist who is currently servicing the power amplifier’s malfunctioning components; however, the Licensee currently anticipates that the power amplifier will not be restored to full operation before June 27. Accordingly, the licensee requests this 90-day STA extension to cover the remaining brief repair period that is currently anticipated to last for several weeks after the current STA expires.

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