

WYCL(AM) STA EXTENSION
BSTA-20180706AAW

THE CURRENT STA EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 3, 2021.

OPERATION AT VARIANCE FROM LICENSED PARAMETERS IS WARRANTED DUE TO DAMAGE TO THE STATION'S DIRECTIONAL SYSTEM BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY COPPER THIEVES AND GENERAL VANDALISM TO THE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM. OTHER DAMAGE MAY EXIST TO THE ANTENNA SYSTEM (ANTENNA SAMPLING SYSTEM, TRANSMISSION LINES, ETC).

THE TOWER BASE IS SURROUNDED BY A CHAIN LINK FENCE WITH A LOCKED GATE, AND IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE COMMISSIONS RULES CONCERNING PROTECTION OF WORKERS AND THE PUBLIC FROM NON-IONIZING RADIATION (ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT.) THE LICENSEE IS NOT AWARE OF ANY INTERFERENCE COMPLAINTS DURING THE MOST RECENT STA PERIOD.

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2019, SAGITTARIUS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, ASSUMED TWO AM SISTER STATION BROADCAST LICENSES FOLLOWING CONTENTIOUS, COSTLY AND TIME CONSUMING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS WITH THE PRIOR LICENSEE (WYCL AND WHTX AS AUTHORIZED BY MAIN FILE NO. BAL-20131223ACK).

WYCL IS A DAYTIME ONLY AM STATION REQUIRING SUBSTANTIAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT FOR REPAIRS. OPERATING AT REDUCED POWER WITH A DAMAGED TOWER SITE AND COVID PANDEMIC-RELATED ECONOMIC CHALLENGES LIMITS THE STATION'S REVENUE POTENTIAL TO PAY FOR NEEDED EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT.

HAVING ASSUMED THE BROADCAST LICENSE OF TWO AM STATIONS OPERATING WITH STA DUE TO DAMAGED ANTENNA STRUCTURES, (SEE, ALSO STATION WHTX; FILE NO. BSTA-20180706AAX) THE NEW LICENSEE INITIALLY DEVOTED ITS RESOURCES TO PREPARING AND FILING AN APPLICATION FOR MINOR MODIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTING MODIFIED LICENSED FACILITIES FOR SISTER STATION WHTX (SEE FILE NO. BP-20190702AAZ, GRANTED JANUARY 17, 2020)

DURING THE MOST RECENT STA PERIOD, THE STATION COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION OF WHTX FACILITIES AND FILED AN APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO COVER, FILE NO. BL-20210827AAB. IN ADDITION, THE LICENSEE PURCHASED EQUIPMENT AND IS PREPARING TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION ON THE COMPANION AM IMPROVEMENT FM TRANSLATOR STATION W249EE, FILE NO. BNPFT-20180327ACG.

AS TIME AND FINANCES PERMIT, WORK IS ADVANCING ON WYCL. TO DATE, THE ATU'S HAVE BEEN RECONSTRUCTED. CARL T. JONES CORP. WAS RETAINED TO GENERATE PRE-TUNE DATA. A BROADCAST ENGINEER IS RETAINED TO IMPLEMENT AND MAKE SUCH ADJUSTMENTS/REPAIRS AS MAY BE REQUIRED TO RETURN WYCL TO LICENSED PARAMETERS. WHILE PREPARING TO PRE-TUNE THE SYSTEM TO THE PARAMETERS SUPPLIED BY CARL T. JONES CORP, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE POTOMAC INSTRUMENTS PHASE MONITOR (A CRUCIAL PART OF THE SAMPLE SYSTEM) WAS NOT FUNCTIONING CORRECTLY.

THE PHASE MONITOR WILL NEED TO BE SERVICED AND CONFIRMED TO BE WITHIN MANUFACTURER CALIBRATION TOLERANCES, AFTER WHICH WORK MAY PROCEED RETURNING WYCL TO LICENSE PARAMETERS.

THIS STA REQUEST IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THAT IT WILL PERMIT THE FACILITY TO CONTINUE TO SERVE ITS LISTENING AUDIENCE AS AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF BROADCAST NEWS, ENTERTAINMENT AND OTHER INFORMATION.

FURTHER, THE COMMISSION'S AM IMPROVEMENT PROCEEDING HAS FOUND SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC INTEREST IN ASSISTING AM STATIONS, PARTICULARLY SMALL MARKET AM DAYTIMER STATIONS, IN CONTINUING BROADCAST OPERATIONS.