

As the Commission is well aware, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were the cause of extensive damage in the Gulf area. The damage and destruction involves many broadcasting stations, including Radio Station WPCS(NCE-FM), Pensacola, FL (FCC Facility ID No. 52230).

Pensacola Christian College (PCC) has diligently pursued repairs at the WPCS transmitter site located in Elsanor, AL, and is reasonably certain that all of the restoration work to the station's transmitting equipment will be completed by August 2006. (A work-in-progress log pertaining to the repair work on WPCS has been maintained by PCC's personnel and is available to the Commission upon request). Structural reinforcement of the tower may also be required before repairs to the antenna system can be completed.

An earlier STA request BSTA-20050913AAF, and STA extension request BESTA-20051206AFB, have allowed WPCS to serve the listening area with 5kW since shortly after the storm. Repairs to the antenna system to-date will permit WPCS to operate at an effective radiated power of 20kW while additional repairs are being made to the station's transmitting equipment. Subject to a grant by the Commission of this request for Special Temporary Authority, PCC respectfully requests dismissal of BESTA-20051206AFB.

Accordingly, this is to respectfully request that Special Temporary Authority be granted to WPCS to operate at 20kW for a period of 90 days.