

## EXHIBIT 24

### **Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority for Emergency Antenna Operation**

NCE Station KRCB-FM, Windsor, CA (Facility ID 57946)

Pursuant to Sections 73.1635 and 73.1680 of the FCC's rules, Rural California Broadcasting Corp. ("RCBC") respectfully requests an extension of the FCC's grant of Special Temporary Authority for noncommercial educational radio Station KRCB-FM, Windsor, California. RCBC originally applied for the emergency antenna operations STA on November 6, 2019 in order to restore KRCB-FM's program service to the public following damage to the station's authorized antenna facility by wildfires beyond its control which rendered the licensed facility completely inoperable. The FCC granted the STA on November 8, 2019 in FCC File No. BSTA-20191106ABA, and most recently granted an extension in FCC File No. BESTA-20200707AAB. The STA is currently due to expire on October 12, 2020.

**Background.** As RCBC has informed the FCC, KRCB-FM was forced off-air on October 24, 2019 after its transmission facilities were destroyed by severe California wildfires. In early November, KRCB-FM was able to resume operation and service to the public in connection with this emergency antenna authorization. In the months following the grant of the STA, RCBC has diligently taken steps to plan for and implement the restoration of KRCB-FM's long-term operation, which require a completely re-built antenna transmission facility. Notably, RCBC purchased a new transmitter to replace the transmitter destroyed by the fire and began seeking an appropriate transmission site for the re-build of the station facility. However, RCBC's efforts were hampered this year not only by shelter-in-place California work restrictions and revised priorities resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, but also by the fact that in order to meet FCC television spectrum "repack" deadlines, RCBC resources and efforts had to be dedicated to its co-owned television stations and their transitions in connection with the FCC's TV spectrum post-auction process.

**Update.** Recently, however, RCBC has been able to make substantial additional progress, including hiring toxic clean-up specialists who proceeded to clean up the destroyed KRCB-FM transmission site after the County of Sonoma approved rebuilding at that location. RCBC also ordered a broadcast equipment enclosure for the transmitter and associated equipment. In addition, RCBC hired a Project Manager and a Consulting RF Engineer to handle the project, moved to purchase additional items needed to finish the job, and began site excavation work.

As of this date, the licensed transmitter site is almost ready for the station's return. The main remaining hurdle involves ongoing efforts to reestablish electrical power service with the area's provider, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E). PG&E has RCBC in its queue to restore service, but has not yet established a specific scheduled date of completion (as continuing wildfires have complicated their services and schedules). RCBC is hopeful that the remaining steps needed for the facility build-out and electrical power restoration will be completed before the expiration of the STA extension requested by this filing.

Grant of an STA extension will serve the public interest by allowing RCBC to maintain its noncommercial educational radio broadcast service for listeners in the local area despite the destruction of KRCB-FM's licensed facilities by wildfire conditions beyond its control and pending the completion of the current build-out process for the KRCB-FM replacement facility. To date, RCBC has received no reports or complaints of interference resulting from its STA facility operation.

RCBC is a noncommercial educational licensee and operates KRCB-FM on a noncommercial educational basis. This application is therefore exempt from FCC filing fee requirements pursuant to Section 1.1116 of the Commission's Rules, and the facility is exempt from FCC regulatory fees, pursuant to Section 1.1162 of the Rules.