



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
February 28, 2022

Torey Malaita, President  
Rhode Island Public Radio  
One Union Station  
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Rhode Island Public Radio (RIPR)  
WPVD(AM), Providence, RI  
Facility ID No: 48308  
Construction Permit: BP-20210624AAB  
Program Test Authority (PTA)  
BPTA-20220224AAE  
License application: BL-20220224AAD

Dear Mr. Malatia::

This letter is in reference to the request for PTA filed by RIPR on February 24, 2022, and the FCC Form 302 license application BL-20220224AAD filed to cover the Construction Permit (BP-20210624AAB) to change from DA to ND, reduce power, and reduce the electrical height of one of the three licensed towers..

A preliminary review of the application has revealed that the measurements submitted on page 7 of the application to show compliance with Condition #4 are unacceptable. To be specific, RIPR submitted only one measurement on each of six radials, instead of providing the required sufficient close-in points so that the inverse distance fields can be clearly established. See 73.186 for more information. In addition, the submitted daytime current value of 2.3 amps must be corrected to 2.18 amps, and the submitted nighttime current of 0.4 amps must be corrected to 0.43 amps. Accordingly, authority is granted to RIPR to commence limited program tests for station WPVD(AM) in accordance with Section 73.1620 of the Commission's Rules and BP-20210624AAB to operate on 1290 kHz with a daytime power of 0.4 kW, a nighttime power of 0.016 kW, a daytime current of 2.18 amperes, and a nighttime current of 0.43 amperes, due to the problems noted above. **This authority expires on May 28, 2022.**

Further action will be withheld for the 30 days to allow time to file a curative amendment. Failure to amend or respond during this time period will result in the dismissal of the application pursuant to Section 73.3568 of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Son Nguyen", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Son Nguyen, Supervisory Engineer  
Audio Division, Media Bureau