

Request for Special Temporary Authority to Operate at Reduced Power

Lebanon Broadcasting Co., licensee of WLBR(AM), Lebanon, PA (Facility ID: 36874) respectfully requests Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to operate at 50% reduced power from its license. WLBR(AM) has been forced to operate at reduced power since January 10, 2019, due to circumstances beyond its control. Specifically, the station's transmitter became damaged, and a backup transmitter has been used in its place. The licensee needs a part to repair its damaged transmitter, and has been attempting to obtain this part from the manufacturer. Licensee initially expected to receive the transmitter part quickly. As a result, filing of an STA was overlooked, and licensee requests a waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 73.1560 to the extent necessary.

Grant of the STA would serve the public interest by preserving the operation of an AM station that is operating at reduced power due to circumstances beyond its control. The licensee will work diligently to obtain the required transmitted part to fix its transmitter and resume licensed operations (licensee does not know how long it will take to receive the transmitter part from the manufacturer).