



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
April 26, 2024

Kurt Jackson, President  
Hampden Communications Co.  
82 Asnebumskit Rd.  
Paxton, MA 01612

Re: Hampden Communications Co. (HCC)  
WQVD(AM), Orange-Athol, MA  
Fac. ID No.: 51118  
Special Temporary Authority (STA)  
LMS File No.: 0000243333

Dear Mr. Jackson:

This is in reference to the request filed on April 10, 2024. HCC requests an extension of the STA granted on October 16, 2023, to continue operating with reduced daytime power to allow time to file the required 301-AM minor change application to propose a new facility at another transmitter site.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, HCC stated that it is nearing the end of a search for a new site (after deciding a complete restoration of the old damaged licensed site facility is not a viable option).

Requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Accordingly, the request for extension of the STA IS HEREBY GRANTED, and HCC may continue to operate with a reduced daytime power of 0.050 kW using an auxiliary transmitter. HCC must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See*

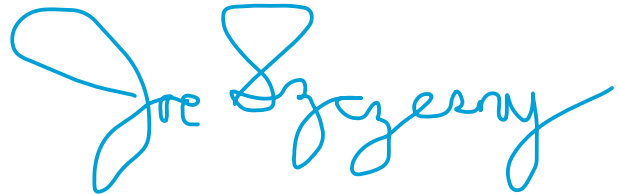
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<sup>1</sup> WQVD(AM) is licensed for ND daytime only operation on 700 kHz with 2.5 kW.

47 CFR § 1.1310. HCC must file the 301-AM application first to obtain a new construction permit, followed by a 302-AM application for license.

This authority expires on **October 23, 2024.** <sup>2</sup>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Szczesny". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joe" written in a large, looped style, and the last name "Szczesny" written in a more compact, cursive script.

Joseph Szczesny, Engineer  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Dennis Jackson, Tech Consultant (via email only)  
Allan G. Moskowitz, Esq. (via email only)

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<sup>2</sup>Periods of operation pursuant to this STA shall be recorded in the station's records (see 47 CFR § 73.1820). The records shall include start/stop dates and times of such operation. These log entries must be maintained for a minimum of two years as specified in 47 CFR § 73.1840(a), unless a longer retention period is requested by the staff. Periods of operation may be subject to independent verification that they in fact occurred.