



**Special Temporary Authority For a Radio Broadcast Station**

**Audio Division, Media Bureau**

**Date:** March 25, 2023  
**File Number:** 0000239916  
**Call Sign:** WQNB-LP (FL)  
**Facility ID Number:** 196346

**The licensee's request, as filed February 27, 2024 specifying 0.011 kW (11 watts) effective radiated power, IS DENIED.**

Operation at that effective radiated power would cause the STA 60 dBu service contour to exceed the licensed 60 dBu contour. This is contrary to the FCC's practices and policies for Special Temporary Authority processing, which require the STA 60 dBu service contour to remain within the licensed 60 dBu contour.

However, we find that if the effective radiated power (ERP) is limited to 0.005 kW (5 watts), the STA proposal will comply with the FCC's requirements. **Accordingly, limited Special Temporary Authority IS GRANTED to operate the proposed LPFM facility but with the ERP limited to 0.005 kW (5 watts).** The ERP may not exceed five watts.

All periods of operation pursuant to this STA shall be recorded in the station's log (see 47 CFR Sections 73.1820 to 73.1840). The station log information shall include start/stop dates and times of such operation. These station log entries shall be kept for a period of 2 years, unless a longer retention period is requested by the staff. See 47 CFR Section 73.1840(a). The licensee is responsible for addressing any complaints of interference that may arise.

**When operations pursuant to this STA commence, the licensee shall file a Notice of Resumption of Operations in the FCC's LMS electronic filing system.**

We remind the licensee that the station's license will expire as a matter of law upon twelve consecutive months of silence [**ending February 16, 2025**], notwithstanding the grant of the present STA. See 47 U.S.C. Section 312(g), and *Silent Station Authorizations*, 11 FCC Rcd 11569, FCC 96-218 (May 17, 1996). See also Public Notice, *Expedited Processing of Applications Filed by Silent Stations*, 11 FCC Rcd 14356, DA 96-818 (May 22, 1996). Please be aware that unauthorized operations – operations with facilities not authorized by a current STA or license – do not count as a resumption of operations within one year for the purposes of Section 312(g) of the Communications Act, and cannot be used to avoid the consequences of Section 312(g). See *Eagle Broadcasting Group v. FCC*, 563 F.3d 543 (D.C. Cir. 2009).

This STA authority expires **September 22, 2024**.

In light of this STA grant, the previous STA under LMS file number 0000233023 IS CANCELLED. (That STA was reported as silent on February 17, 2024.)

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A copy of this authorization will be posted in the FCC's LMS database under the file number above. Please retain a copy of this authorization for your records.

Please file any future STA extension request on or shortly before the date that the current STA expires. Late filings will require a new FM Engineering STA request and resubmission of all engineering data for the temporary operation.

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Considerations:

Licensee must take all steps to ensure that workers and the public are not exposed to radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure limit.

This Special Temporary Authority does not supersede any non-FCC-regulated requirements applicable to the STA-authorized facility. The licensee remains solely and wholly responsible for maintaining compliance with such requirements.

Requests for extension of STA may 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.