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Federal Communications Commission Audio Division 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554 Via email to: audiofilings@fcc.gov

Re: WDXR(AM) (Facility ID # 40637) at Paducah, Kentucky Licensee: Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc. Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority Granted July 13, 2021

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The tower supporting a folded unipole antenna system for WDXR(AM) was severely damaged requiring substantial repairs, and on July 6, 2021, Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc. ("BBC") requested Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to operate with a long-wire antenna while repairs to the tower could be made. On July 13, 2021, the Commission granted the STA (A copy of the STA is attached.). Now <u>BBC hereby requests an extension of that</u> <u>STA for an additional 180 days</u> to allow repairs to its licensed facilities to be completed. The licensee note that significant repairs have been made on the supporting tower, but the installation of a folded unipole antenna system for WDXR(AM) has not been completed.

BBC request extended STA to continue to operate WDXR(AM) during daytime and nighttime hours with a 170 foot long-wire antenna at its licensed transmitter site. The wire is elevated approximately 20 feet above ground level and is supported by an existing tower on one side and an existing pole on the other end. BBC operates the temporary WDXR(AM) facilities with a reduced power of 0.025 kilowatt. The parameters of the STA facilities are as follows:

Geographic coordinates:	37° 05' 55" N, 88° 37' 19" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency:	1450 kHz
Hours of operation:	Unlimited
Operating power:	0.025 kilowatt (Unlimited)
Antenna type:	170 foot (51.8 meters) long-wire antenna
Antenna efficiency:	281.11 mV/m per kW at 1 km

BBC notes that no complaints of interference to any existing facility have been received as a result of its operating WDXR(AM) utilizing the STA facilities. BBC will continue to work diligently to restore WDXR(AM) to permanent facilities. Meanwhile, the

licensee believes it is in the public interest for WDXR(AM) to continue serving its community of license operating pursuant to the STA.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me by email at roger@wxbq.com or via telephone at 423-794-0857.

## **Certification**

I affirm that all parties to this Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority are in compliance with Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862, the federal law which provides federal and state court judges the discretion to deny federal benefits to individuals convicted of offenses consisting of the distribution of controlled substances. For a definition of "party" for these purposes, see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.2002(b). See also Amendment of Part 1 of the Commission's Rules to Implement Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 6 FCC Rcd 7551, 57 Fed. Reg. 00186 (1991).

I, on behalf of Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc., certify that no party to this Request for Special Temporary Authority for WDXR(AM) is subject to a denial of federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. 862. For the definition of a party for these purposes, see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.2002(b).

I certify that the statements made in this Request for Extension of Special Temporary Authority are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief; and are made in good faith.

## **Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc.**

WDXR(AM) at Paducah, Kentucky

By:

Roger Bouldin Corporate Secretary and General Manager



## Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

July 13, 2021

Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc. 1990 Valley Drive Bristol, VA 24201

> Re: Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc. WDXR(AM), Paducah, KY Fac. ID No.: 40637 Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed July 6, 2021, on behalf of Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc. ("BBC"). BBC requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WDXR(AM) with a temporary long-wire antenna from its licensed site.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, BBC states that the tower supporting a folded unipole antenna system for WDXR(AM) was damaged requiring significant repairs. The repairs to the tower required the WDXR(AM) folded unipole antenna to be removed from the tower. Thus, the station is requesting STA to operate with a long-wire antenna.

Specifically, WDXR(AM) requests an STA to operate during daytime and nighttime hours with a 170 foot long-wire antenna at its licensed transmitter site. The wire will be elevated approximately 20 feet above ground level and will be supported by an existing tower on one side and an existing pole on the other end. A reduced power of 0.025 kilowatt is proposed.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED. Station WDXR(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	37° 05′ 55″ N, 88° 37′ 19″ W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1450 kHz
Hours of operation	Unlimited
Operating power	0.025 kilowatt (Unlimited)
Antenna type	170 foot (51.8 meters) long-wire antenna
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It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WDXR(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WDXR(AM) 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* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WDXR(AM) is licensed for operation on 1450 kHz with an unlimited hours power of 1 kilowatt, employing a nondirectional antenna pattern (ND1-U).

This authority expires on January 9, 2022.

**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, 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.

Sincerely,

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cc: Roger Bouldin (via email)