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VIA EMAIL

Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Federal Communications Commission 45 L Street NE Washington, DC 20554 ATTN: Media Bureau, Audio Division audiofilings@fcc.gov

### Re: WHKT(AM), Portsmouth, Virginia (Facility ID No. 10759) Notification of Suspension of Operations and Request for Silent STA

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Chesapeake-Portsmouth Broadcasting Corporation ("CPBC") (FRN 0004985172), licensee of AM broadcast station WHKT(AM) (formerly WPMH), Portsmouth, Virginia (Facility ID No. 10759) ("WHKT"), through its undersigned counsel and pursuant to the procedures for former CDBS filings provided in the Media Bureau's Public Notice dated January 11, 2022 (DA 22-29),<sup>1</sup> hereby notifies the Commission that WHKT is currently silent, and requests Special Temporary Authority ("STA") for WHKT to remain silent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Media Bureau Announces New Procedures for All Filings Currently Submitted in the Consolidated Database System (CDBS), Public Notice, DA 22-29 at 2 (rel. Jan. 11, 2022). See also Media Bureau Reminder for Filings Previously Submitted in the Consolidated Database System (CDBS), Public Notice, DA 22-82 (rel. Jan. 25, 2022). This Request, however, is not being submitted on an FCC form as the form for such a notification is no longer publicly available.

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WHKT went silent on December 15, 2021 due to the loss of its transmitter site.<sup>2</sup> CPBC is in the process of locating an alternative site for the station, and anticipates that it will be able to do so within the next few weeks. Accordingly, CPBC requests STA for WHKT to remain silent until an alternative site for the station is identified, a construction permit application is filed and granted, the station's new facilities are constructed, and the station commences operations with from its new site.

A Declaration of CPBC's President, Nancy Epperson, attesting to the accuracy of the information in this Request, is attached hereto.

Should you have any questions regarding this Request, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Davina Sashkin Keenan Adamchak

Counsel for Chesapeake-Portsmouth Broadcasting Corporation

Enclosures

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> CPBC inadvertently failed to inform counsel at the time that WHKT went silent, and recently recognized its oversight in reviewing its station inventory. CPBC apologizes for the oversight and will ensure that it timely reports WHKT's operational status in the future to the Commission.

#### ANTI-DRUG ABUSE ACT CERTIFICATION

Answer YES if all parties to the application 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).

X\_YES NO

By checking yes, the applicant certifies that, in the case of an individual applicant, he or she is not 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, or, in the case of a non-individual applicant (e.g., corporation, partnership or other unincorporated association), no party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to that section. 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 application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

Chesapeake-Portsmouth Broadcasting Corporation

Name of Applicant Signature and

Nancy Epperson Printed Name of Person Signing

President Title

<u>WHKT – Notification of Suspension of Operations/ Request for Silent STA</u> Call Sign of Station and Type of Request (Special Temporary Authority, etc.)

#### DECLARATION

I, Nancy Epperson, hereby attest to the following:

- 1. I am the President of Delmarva Educational Association ("Delmarva").
- 2. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in the foregoing Notification of Suspension of Operations and Request for Silent STA ("Request") for noncommercial educational broadcast station WHKT(AM) (formerly WPMH), Portsmouth, Virginia (Facility ID No. 10759).
- 3. I have read the Request, and the statements therein are truthful and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, under penalty of perjury, the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Nancy Epperson, President Chesapeake-Portsmouth Broadcasting Corporation

Dated: March 28, 2022