

July 10, 2022

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

## Re: WBES(AM) (Facility ID # 6873) at Charleston, West Virginia

Licensee: Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc.

Request for Special Temporary Authority to Use Facilities Other Than Licensed Facilities

## Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 17, 2021, the Commission granted a Minor Modification Construction Permit (File # BP-20210119AAA) allowing changes to the operating parameters for WBES(AM) (Facility ID # 6873) at Charleston, West Virginia, specifically to eliminate the station's nighttime directional array and to diplex the daytime operation of the station on a tower which also serves as the radiator for WVTS(AM). Now, Bristol Broadcasting Company, Inc. ("BBC"), the licensee, intends to begin dismantling three towers associated with the nighttime array to implement that Construction Permit. While the tower demolition is underway, WBES(AM) will be required to cease operating for an indeterminate period or to operate from an alternate site.

Believing that it is in the public interest for WBES(AM) to continue to operate while the tower demolition and installation of a diplexer is completed, <u>BBC hereby requests Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to operate WBES(AM) at a location other than its licensed location</u>. BBC request STA to operate WBES(AM) during daytime and nighttime hours with a long-wire antenna with a length of 49.1 meters (161 feet) at its studio location approximately 5.1 kilometers southeast of its licensed transmitter site. The wire will be elevated approximately 20 feet above ground level and will be supported by existing towers on each end. Thus, no significant new construction will be required. BBC proposes to operate the temporary WBES(AM) facilities with a reduced power of 0.020 kilowatt. The parameters of the requested STA facilities are as follows:

Geographic coordinates: 38° 21' 26" N, 81° 40' 05" W (NAD 1927)

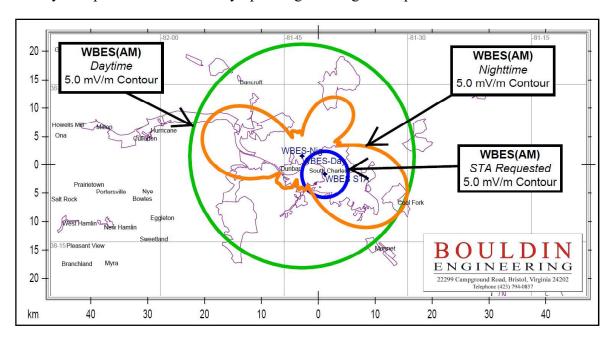
Frequency: 950 kHz Hours of operation: Unlimited

Operating power: 0.020 kilowatt (Unlimited)

Antenna type: 161 foot (49.1 meters) long-wire antenna

Antenna efficiency: 283.44 mV/m per kW at 1 km

BBC notes that the predicted 5.0 mV/m contour of the proposed STA facilities would be encompassed by the 5.0 mV/m contours of both the licensed WBES(AM) daytime and nighttime facilities (See chart below). Therefore, no interference to any existing or proposed facility is expected to be caused by operating utilizing the requested STA facilities.



Operating with the proposed STA facilities, WBES(AM) will cover a significant portion of its community of license (Charleston, West Virginia) as is required for the grant of special temporary authority.

BBC estimates that the demolition of the towers and the installation of diplexer circuitry at the WBES(AM) licensed site can be completed and an Application for License to Cover the Construction Permit can be filed within 180 days. BBC will work diligently to complete the permanent facilities authorized by the Construction Permit for WBES(AM). Meanwhile, the licensee believes it is in the public interest for WBES(AM) to continue serving its community of license operating pursuant to the requested 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 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 WBES(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 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.** 

WBES(AM) at Charleston, West Virginia

By:

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