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WBTM-AM

1330kHz

Danville VA

Facility ID 52544

Good Afternoon,

Radio Station WBTM-AM suffered a lightning strike on the Afternoon / Evening of 7/31/2022. WBTM-AM asked for and was granted a STA for Daytime low power operation at 500 watts and Nighttime Emergency Antenna operations at 250 watts non directional on 8/4/2022.

The licensee has made substantial progress and has returned WBTM back to full daytime operation. The tower tuning units have been repaired as well as the Phasor. An unexpected issue has arisen in the Directional system that was unforeseen to the Licensee and at this time the licensee cannot return WBTM back to Nighttime Directional Operation of 1kW. The additional parts have been ordered to return the station to Directional Operation.

WBTM would like to request a extension to the STA for nighttime operations with a emergency antenna in accordance with 73.1680. WBTM would be using tower 2 the NDA tower of the array at a power of 250 watts or less. If there are any complaints of interference WBTM engineering staff would immediately rectify the situation.

WBTM would like to request the STA be valid for 30 days however out of abundance of caution in obtaining parts for the directional array with the unknown supply chain situation we ask for 60 days. This should be more than plenty of time for repair of the WBTM site.

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).

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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.

Name of Applicant: Piedmont Broadcasting Corporation

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Gary R Gardner 2/6/2023

Engineering Consultant

Printed Name of Person Signing