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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

ATTN: Media Bureau (Audio)

**RE: Request Engineering Special Temporary Authority**

WKBA Vinton, VA

FACID: 67180

Dear Madam Secretary:

On behalf of Backroads Radio, LLC, licensee, you are respectfully requested to issue special temporary authority for station WKBA.

WKBA is a licensed Class D station, 10 kW, DA.

Directional Tower #1 is out of service. The station is exploring options for a pattern change to non-directional operation from Tower #2.

STA is requested with power reduced to 1 kW nondirectional from WKBA's licensed antenna tower #2 37-17-24.5 N 79-55-21.1 W (NAD 83) while the station investigates options for an acceptable licensed nondirectional operation.

STA is in the public interest so that the station may continue to broadcast important information as it investigates options for a broadcast pattern change.

Applicant certifies that neither applicant nor any party to the application is subject to denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 862.

Please address any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

/S/

John S. Neely