

Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554	Approved by OMB IIFOR FCC USE ONLY 3060-0386 (July 2002)
<b>Extension of Existing Engineering STA</b>  Read Instructions/FAQ before filling out form	FOR COMMISSION USE ONLY FILE NO.

**Section I - General Information**

1.	Legal Name of the Applicant Family Stations, Inc.		
	Mailing Address 112 North Elm Street		
	City Shenandoah	State or Country (if foreign address) IA	Zip Code 51601
	Telephone Number (include area code) (712) 246-5151		E-Mail Address (if available) jburkhiser@familyradio.org
	FCC Registration No 0001545607	Call Sign WFME	Facility ID Number 29024
2.	Contact Representative (if other than licensee/permittee) Kathleen Victory		Firm or Company Name FLETCHER, HEALD & HILDRETH, P.L.C.
	Mailing Address 1300 NORTH 17TH STREET IITH FLOOR		
	City ARLINGTON	State or Country (if foreign address) VA	ZIP Code 22209 -
	Telephone Number (include area code) (703) 812-0473		E-Mail Address (if available) <a href="mailto:VICTORY@FHHLaw.com">VICTORY@FHHLaw.com</a>
3.	Purpose:		
	<input type="radio"/> Engineering STA		
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Extension of Existing Engineering STA    BESTA-20221121 AAI		
	<input type="radio"/> Legal STA		
	<input type="radio"/> Extension of Existing Legal STA		
	Service: AM		
Community of License: City: New York State: New York			
6.	If this application has been submitted without a fee, indicate reason for fee exemption (see 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1114): <input type="radio"/> Governmental Entity <input checked="" type="radio"/> Noncommercial Educational Licensee/Permittee <input type="radio"/> Other <input checked="" type="radio"/> N/A (Fee Required)		
7.	<b>Environmental Protection Act.</b> The proposed facility is excluded from environmental processing under 47. C.F.R. Section 1.1306 (i.e., The facility will not have a significant environmental impact and complies with the maximum permissible radiofrequency electromagnetic exposure limits for controlled and uncontrolled environments). Unless the applicant can determine compliance through the use of the RF worksheets in Appendix A, an <b>Exhibit is required.</b>		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No  See Explanation in Exhibit 23

By checking "Yes" above, the applicant also certifies that it, in coordination with other users of the site, will reduce power or cease operation as necessary to protect persons having access to the site, tower or antenna from radiofrequency electromagnetic exposure in excess of FCC guidelines.

8.	Please explain in detail the "extraordinary circumstances" which warrant temporary operations at variance from the Commission's Rules. In addition, please specify 1) the specific rules and/or policies from which the applicant seeks temporary relief 2) how the public interest will be furthered by grant and 3) the expected duration of the STA and the licensee's plan for restoration of licensed operation. If requesting variance with other than authorized technical facilities, please specify the exact facilities sought.	Exhibit 24
9.	Anti-Drug Abuse Act Certification. 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.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

I hereby certify that the statements in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge that all certifications and attached Exhibits are considered material representations.

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Thomas Evans	Typed or Printed Title of Person Signing President
Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 05/19/2023

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001), AND/OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION LICENSE OR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 47, SECTION 312(a)(I)), AND/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. CODE, TITLE 47, SECTION 503).

#### Exhibit 24

**Description:** Reason for Request

Please see the attached letter and engineering statement.



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May 19, 2023

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary,  
The Honorable Marlene Dortch  
45 L Street  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: WFME (AM) New York, NY  
Facility ID# 29024

To the Honorable Ms. Dortch;

As stated in the original Engineering Special Temporary Authority (STA) application (BSTA-20211021AAE, attached), noncommercial education station WFME has been operating at reduced power since October 25, 2021, due to the licensed transmitting site for WFME being sold, and the licensee's temporary installation at the site of FM broadcast stations WNSH and WFMU (and six other FM auxiliary licenses), an antenna installation owned by Family Stations, Inc. (FSI). In October 2021, FSI requested that WFME be authorized to operate at 1 kW (2%) at this antenna installation in order to permit continued operation of WFME and the Commission granted an Engineering STA (BSTA-20211021AAE, also attached).

The licensee was exploring its options and ways to best provide service to its community of license when it requested and was granted another Extension of the original Engineering STA (BSTA-20211021AAE) to remain at its current site and power in order to allow the station to continue to provide service to the New York City community while considering its possibilities (BESTA-20220419AAF, attached).

The licensee proposed to increase the STA power up to 10 kW to best provide service to its community of license in an Engineering STA Extension Request filed 6/23/2022 (BESTA-2022-623AAA, attached).

A nearby Goddard School reported some interference to various electronic systems in/at the school, and FSI is worked diligently and cooperatively with the school to eliminate those problems and reduced power from 10 kW during hours of school operation. Due to this blanketing interference matter with the school, FSI respectfully requested an Engineering STA that changed from the last STA parameters and to operate WFME at 2.5 kW from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mon – Fri, and 10 kW at all other times (BESTA-20221121AAI).

Since this last Engineering STA Extension was granted by the Commission, FSI continues to cooperate with the nearby Goddard School to eliminate the interference problems to various electronic systems in/at the school. FSI has further reduced power to 500 watts during all hours of its day and nighttime operations. Efforts are ongoing to investigate other tower locations or means to eliminate the ongoing interference issues preventing operation at full licensed power and preparing the subsequent required FCC Form application(s). In the interim, the licensee


respectfully requests an Extension of its Engineering STA to operate WFME at a power of 500 watts during all hours of daytime and nighttime operation to continue to serve the New York, NY community with minimal impact.

The operation of WFME, as proposed under this STA Request, will not have a significant environmental impact and complies with the Maximum Permissible Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Exposure Limits for controlled and uncontrolled environments. The licensee of WFME also certifies that it, in coordination with other potential users of the relevant site, will reduced power or crease operation as necessary to protect persons having access to the site, tower, or antenna from radio frequency electromagnetic exposure in excess of FCC guidelines.

The 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.

On behalf of the President of Family Stations, Inc., Thomas Evans, I hereby certify that the statements in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jennifer D. Burkhiser".

Jennifer Burkhiser, Director of Compliance, FSI.

Cc: Thomas Evans, President, FSI.

David Shantz, Chief Operator and Director of Engineering, FSI.

Robert Branch, Signal Management and Engineering Consultant, FSI.

Kathleen Victory, Esq., Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, P.L.C.

