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RE: WJZI(AM) (BSTA-20180924AAV)

Jerry,

I am following up on your request for background information regarding WJZI (AM), Decatur, Indiana, and its need for an STA.

WJZI initially went off the air on September 13, 2014, due to a lightning strike. The licensee was nearing being able to return to the air when, on April 9, 2015, high winds caused the station's tower, owned by an unrelated entity, to collapse.

WJZI subsequently received an STA to operate with a long wire antenna (BSTA-20150911ACC). The station operated with that antenna from September 14 to October 9, 2015, before going silent again. WJZI then obtained an STA for a long wire antenna at a different site (BSTA-20161005AAW) on October 5, 2016, under which it operated until October 30, 2016. On October 5, 2017, WJZI filed a further request for special temporary authority to operate with a long-wire antenna (BSTA-20171005AAR), which was granted on October 13, 2017. The station went silent on October 26, 2017. A silent STA requested was filed on October 27, 2017, and was granted November 15, 2017. A request to extend the silent STA was filed on May 11, 2018 and granted June 4, 2018.

Despite ongoing efforts, the licensee has not yet been able to secure a new permanent tower site. Accordingly, it is requesting another STA to use a long-wire antenna in order to resume operation of the station on or before 12:01 a.m. on October 27, 2018, to avoid cancellation of the WJZI license.

Please let me know if you need any additional background information.

Best regards, Matt McCormick

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