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December 20, 2017

Ms. Denise Williams, Room 2-B450
Audio Division, Media Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WRVS, 89.9FM STA Request, Facility #19249

Dear Ms. Williams:

Greetings. My name is Melba Y. Smith and I am the Director of Radio & Television Services for WRVSFM/HD, 89.9 and W18BB-DTV licensed to Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. On December 1, 2017, a Silent FM Station notification letter was emailed to your attention and a certified copy of WRVS's Silent FM Station notification letter was also mailed. On November 22, 2017 at approximately 21:00 WRVS-FM went silent due to unforeseen equipment failure at the station's transmitter site. After several days of troubleshooting and consultation from professional engineers, it was determined that RF module failure and burnout of the transmitter's motherboard were contributing factors to the station's off air status. On Sunday, December 3, 2017 at approximately 17:25, WRVS returned to air at a low power operation of 615 watts. Pursuant to the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations, Section 73.1635 ([47 CFR 73.1635](#) and [Emergency Antennas, Silent Stations, Special Temporary Authority \(STA\) for Broadcast Services](#)), "A special temporary authorization (STA) is the authority granted to a permittee or licensee to permit the operation of a broadcast facility for a limited period at a specified variance from the terms of the station authorization or requirements of the FCC rules applicable to the particular class of station." Please allow this letter to serve as an official request for Special Temporary Authority for WRVS, 89.9FM to remain servicing its listening public in low power operation until full restoration. To date, we have received the equipment for installation and have remained in regular contact with Rick Voepel at Broadcast Electronics and anticipate a January scheduling date for site repair and equipment installation with full power restoration expected within the next 45 days. Elizabeth City State University has approved the contractual service from BE and we now await the issuance of a purchase order. For additional inquiries pertaining to this STA request, please feel free to reach me at mybrown@ecsu.edu or at (757)752-0973.

Respectfully,

Melba Y. Smith
Director of Radio & Television Services (GM)
WRVS-FM/HD, 89.9 & W18BB-DTV

* no fees required. Non-commercial station

Answer YES if all parties to the application are in compliance with Section 5301 of the *AntiDrug 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).

_____ X _____ YES NO _____

By checking yes, 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).

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.

Melba Y. Smith
Name of Applicant

 12/21/17
Signature and Date

Melba Y. Smith
Printed Name of Person Signing

Director of Radio & TV Services/GM
Title

WRVS-FM/ STA Request
Call Sign of Station and Type of Request (Special Temporary Authority, etc.)