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Re: Chesapeake-Portsmouth Broadcasting Corporation
WLES (AM), Bon Air, Virginia
Facility Identification Number: 72504
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed February 4, 2010, on behalf of Chesapeake-Portsmouth Broadcasting Corporation ("CPBC"). CPBC requests extension of the special temporary authority ("STA") granted on August 5, 2009, to operate Station WLES pursuant to Section 73.1615.[1]

In support of the request, CPBC states that it continues to be prevented from filing an application for license to cover Construction Permit BP-20071119AKH (*See* Note 1, below) pending completion of significant engineering modifications to Station WLVA. CPBC further states that it has acquired the license of WLVA and that WLVA has returned to the air on its new frequency pursuant to STA.[2]

Requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or

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[1] WLES is licensed for operation on 580 kHz with 0.201 kilowatt daytime and 0.027 kilowatt nighttime, employing a nondirectional antenna (ND-2-U). Construction Permit BP-20071119AKH authorizes a change in frequency to 590 kHz and operation with 0.6 kW daytime and 0.058 kW nighttime. The permit is conditioned on Station WLVA changing frequency from 590 kHz to 580 kHz and implementing changes authorized by Construction Permit BP-20071119AKG.

[2] However, our records indicate that Station WLVA is again silent since February 15, 2010.

- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Our review indicates that the licensee has been prevented from restoring licensed operation due to causes beyond its control and has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WLES may continue to operate on 590 kHz with the facilities authorized by Construction Permit BP-20071119AKH. It will be necessary to reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. CPBC must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **October 30, 2010**.

Sincerely,

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cc: Chesapeake-Portsmouth Broadcasting Corporation