

## STA REQUEST

Pursuant to Section 25.120(b)(3) of the FCC’s rules, The Christian Broadcasting Network, Inc. (“CBN”), respectfully requests Special Temporary Authority to operate Earth Stations WD58 and E930230 (the “Stations”) from a remote control point.<sup>1</sup> Neither Station currently has authority to operate from a remote control point authorized by Section 25.271(c) of the Commission’s rules.<sup>2</sup> Previously, the FCC has stated that earth station licensees must submit a modification application pursuant to Section 25.117 of the FCC’s rules to add or relocate a remote control point because the specification of a remote control point “is considered a material term of the license.”<sup>3</sup>

CBN is concerned that its programming operations may be substantially affected by the outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) have recommended that employers encourage COVID-19 affected employees to self-quarantine, and it is possible that CBN’s operations center will become short-staffed in the near future.

To prepare for this possibility, CBN has identified four locations that will have the capability to operate the Stations and, in the event of a malfunction or unforeseen interference, terminate the Stations’ operation from remote locations within the United States. The address and telephone number for these remote control point operators are as follows:

<b>REMOTE CONTROL POINT 1</b>	<b>REMOTE CONTROL POINT 2</b>	<b>REMOTE CONTROL POINT 3</b>	<b>REMOTE CONTROL POINT 4</b>
673 Charlecote Dr. Virginia Beach, VA 23464	1205 Wickford Landing Virginia Beach, VA 23464	605 Valor Court Chesapeake, VA 23322	804 Rutherford Drive Chesapeake, VA 23322
(757) 226-3004	(757) 226-3028	(757) 226-3029	(757) 226-3035

CBN seeks special temporary authority to operate, if necessary, from the specified remote control points for sixty days pursuant to Section 25.120(b)(3). It is possible that the remote control point capability will not be utilized, but CBN is concerned that it may need to close down its main operations center on an expedited basis, and will not have time to submit modification applications (and receive authority) pursuant to Section 25.117 of the FCC’s rules,. CBN intends to submit modification applications in the near future to specify remote control points for the Stations, but seeks expedited attention for this request so that it may have authority to operate the Stations from remote control points as soon as necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 25.120(b)(3) (“The Commission may grant a temporary authorization for a period not to exceed 60 days, if the STA request has not been placed on public notice, and the applicant plans to file a request for regular authority for the service.”).

<sup>2</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 25.271(c) (2020).

<sup>3</sup> See *The International Bureau Provides Guidance Concerning the Relocation of Earth Station Remote Control Points*, Public Notice, 21 FCC Rcd 5045 (2006).

Thus, CBN believes that the grant of special temporary authority under the cited “extraordinary circumstances” justifies the use of “temporary operations...and that delay in the institution of these temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interests.”<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 25.120 (2020).