

REQUEST TO EXTEND STA AUTHORIZATIONS

Pursuant to Section 25.120(b)(3) of the FCC's rules, The Christian Broadcasting Network, Inc. ("CBN"), respectfully requests an Extension of the Special Temporary Authority granted on March 19, 2020, to operate Earth Stations WD58 and E930230 (the "Stations")¹ from a remote control point.²

The STA Authorizations permit CBN to operate the Stations from four remote control points due to concerns that its programming operations would be substantially affected by the outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"). Prior to the grant of the STA Authorizations, a significant portion of CBN's personnel was directed to work remotely, and CBN greatly appreciates the FCC's expeditious processing of the original requests for special temporary authority.

The STA Authorizations will expire on May 19, 2020. Unfortunately, a large portion of CBN's staff is still working remotely. As a result, an extension of the STA Authorizations is necessary. Separately, CBN has submitted license modification applications to permanently add the remote control locations set forth on the STA Authorizations to the Stations' licenses.³ Those applications are pending, and likely will not be granted prior to the STA Authorizations' expiration date.

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."⁴ CBN requests that the FCC extend the term of the STA Authorizations to the earlier of (i) 60 days from the expiration of the STA Authorizations, i.e., July 19, 2020, or (ii) the date that the FCC grants the pending license modification applications.

¹ File Numbers SES-STA-20200312-00238 (WD58) and SES-STA-20200312-00239 (E930230) (collectively, the "STA Authorizations").

² 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.").

³ File Numbers IB2020001083 (WD58) and IB2020001084 (E930230).

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. § 25.120 (2020).