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The Honorable Kevin Brady  
U.S. House of Representatives  
301 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Brady:

Thank you for your letter inquiring about what is needed for the Commission to grant a Special Temporary Authority (STA) for Bryan Broadcasting to continue operating KWBC-AM from their former transmitter site in Navasota, TX. Your views are very important, and I hope the information provided below is helpful.

At this time, the Media Bureau's Audio Division does not have a record of receiving a STA request regarding KWBC. A STA may be filed only by the licensee and cannot be filed by persons who wish to receive the station's signal. If KWBC were to submit a STA application, it must fully demonstrate the necessity for KWBC to operate temporarily from a site other than the one specified in the station's current authorization. STA requests usually are based on temporary technical issues or equipment problems, and in general, a STA may not be granted for more than six months.

In 2012, the Commission granted Bryan's application requesting authorization to change KWBC's community of license from Navasota to College Station and relocate the station's transmitter. According to Audio Division records, the government of Mexico objected to the operation of KWBC's facilities at Navasota due to concerns about interference to an established Mexican radio station. Pursuant to our agreement with Mexico, this objection must be given full consideration. However, this objection became moot when KWBC moved to College Station. Bryan Broadcasting began operating the new facilities in College Station pursuant to program test authority on August 27, 2015, and the new facilities were licensed by the Commission on October 8, 2015.

Finally, because modifications to KWBC's facilities and services may be requested only by the licensee, your constituents may wish to contact Bryan Broadcasting to discuss options that may permit them to receive the station's signal. In addition, your constituents may be interested to learn that KWBC programming is streamed on the Internet. Residents of Navasota may access the station's programming by visiting <http://navasotanews.com/>, and selecting the "Listen Live" option.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler".

Tom Wheeler