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Subject: RE: [External] Request for approval of the emergency purchase of channel sharing services.

Dale,

Your emergency is approved. Please follow emergency purchasing procedures as found in the Handbook and follow up with documentation for award within thirty days.

Regards,
Mike

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Mr. Sheets:

Attached is the request for an emergency purchase that you discussed with our Executive Director, Chuck Roberts. Please review this at your earliest convenience.

Please let me know if you have questions or need anything else.

Thank you.

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Re: Emergency purchase of channel sharing services.

Mr. Sheets:

Enclosed with this letter is an email from Dave McClanahan, our Director of Engineering, outlining our need for channel sharing services. As Dave has explained the situation well, please review his email for our justification for requesting your approval for the emergency purchase of channel sharing services.

These services are necessary for us to maintain our television broadcast in the Charleston / Huntington area. The cost is \$60,000.00 per 90 days. We believe 90 days will be sufficient.

As always, we appreciate your time and consideration. If you have questions or need more information please let me know.

Sincerely,



C. Dale Malcomb

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FW: WVPB TV channel sharing arrangement with Nexstar

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Mon 9/21/2020 3:08 PM

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Subject: WVPB TV channel sharing arrangement with Nexstar

Dale,

As you know, the procurement of the WVPB transmission system has been delayed to the point beyond our timeline for moving to a new channel and vacating our existing one. We have received a couple of extensions, but the FCC is adamant that we cease operation on Channel 34.

We've been working on a channel sharing agreement for some time with the technical department at Nexstar to carry our channel while we rebuild to a new frequency at our facility. The administrative part took a bit longer.

The FCC has ruled that continued operation of Channel 34 would not be allowable, and recommended a channel sharing agreement as a solution.

WOWK is the only station that can technically provide this service- there are three stations licensed to the Huntington- Charleston market, WVPB (us), WOWK, and WSAZ.

WSAZ does not have interconnection for us to be able to "hand off" our programming to them, in addition they have multiple channels and do not have the bandwidth to accommodate us.. We share some facilities with WOWK, and they have some available bandwidth, so it was just a reconfiguration to achieve the transfer.

We just got the contract signed on Friday, and Sunday light at 9:30 our FCC attorney called and said the staff wanted an update on our progress. They desire to have us terminate operations on Channel 34, didn't offer any other options that to implement the channel sharing and shut down our transmitter.

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