

Request for Special Temporary Authority

WBKO(DT), Bowling Green, Kentucky ("WBKO"), requests authority to operate on its post-transition digital channel 13 with the facilities specified in this request for Special Temporary Authority ("STA") beginning on December 22, 2008 and continuing until August 18, 2009.

WBKO filed a legal STA seeking authority to begin early digital operations on its post-transition channel on December 5 (BLDSTA-20081205AEL). In that request, WBKO noted that it planned to operate with facilities substantially as specified in its construction permit (BPCDT-20080327AHO) ("CP"). This STA clarifies that earlier request and seeks authority for WBKO to operate at a slightly lower power than specified on its CP. As noted in the attached Engineering Statement, this STA facility will serve at least 100% of WBKO's current analog and pre-transition digital population.

WBKO's CP for its Appendix B digital facilities authorizes WBKO to operate at 13.5kw using a directional antenna. WBKO modified this CP to request authority to operate a maximized facility at 22kw (BMPCDT-20080611AAQ) ("Max CP"). The Max CP was granted on November 17, 2008.

On December 5, 2008, WBKO filed a request for special temporary authority to begin digital operations on its post-transition digital channel 13 on December 22, 2008 (BLDSTA-20081205AEL). As noted in that request, WBKO has been broadcasting viewer notifications explaining its early transition to digital channel 13 since November 6 and will continue to broadcast the required notifications until December 22.

Subsequent to obtaining its CP, WBKO determined that it could better serve the public by altering its antenna, then under construction, to use an omnidirectional pattern. However, WBKO will not be able to reach its full authorized power of 13.5kw with its current transmitter and an omnidirectional antenna. Therefore, WBKO seeks authority to operate at 11.6kw until it can purchase and install another amplifier. As noted above and in the attached Engineering Statement, WBKO, operating at 11.6kw, will continue to serve at least 100% of its current analog and pre-transition digital viewers.

WBKO is currently reviewing bids for an additional amplifier. The station will move quickly to place an order for an amplifier which will allow it to operate at its full maximized power of 22kw. Based upon the delivery and installation times it has currently been quoted, WBKO expects to be able to begin maximized digital operations at 22kw by August 18, 2009.

Therefore, WBKO respectfully requests authority to begin digital operations on its post-transition digital channel 13 at 11.6kw on December 22, 2008. WBKO further requests authority to operate at 11.6kw for six months post-transition while it purchases and installs equipment necessary for it to reach its maximized power of 22kw.