

WKMG-TV Orlando, FL

Request for Early Transition to Final DTV Channel

In this and a companion application, WKMG-TV seeks special temporary authority (STA) to begin operating immediately on its final post-transition DTV channel. WKMG-TV has been prevented from beginning its final DTV service because its final DTV channel 26 has been occupied by neighboring station WVEN-TV, Daytona Beach, FL. However, WVEN-TV recently notified the Commission that channel 26 would become available on February 17, 2009, after it discontinued analog operations. In light of WVEN-TV's notification, WKMG-TV seeks to launch its final DTV service on channel 26 promptly while maintaining its existing analog service.

However, before WKMG-TV can commence full operation with its authorized post transition facility it must replace its current channel 58 antenna with the new channel 26 antenna. Therefore, WKMG-TV requested an STA to begin immediate operation on channel 26 using its authorized post transition auxiliary antenna facility (BXPCDT-20080807ABB).

This now requests a STA for WKMG-TV to begin operation with its full authorized post-transition facility (BPCDT-20080317ABW) beginning on March 5, 2009. That facility is identical to the parameters contained in this STA request.

An engineering analysis using the FCC's OET Bulletin-69 methodology indicates that the operation proposed in this STA application will not cause any impermissible interference to any authorized stations based on the pre-transition environment.

In addition, WKMG-TV will file a subsequent STA request if its pending maximization application is granted prior to the final transition date.