

Connecticut Public Broadcasting, Inc.
Noncommercial Educational Station WEDY(TV)
New Haven, Connecticut
Facility ID 13595

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Commission Rule 73.1635, Connecticut Public Broadcasting, Inc. (CPBI), licensee of noncommercial educational Station WEDY(TV), New Haven, Connecticut, requests special temporary authority to operate at a reduced power of approximately 65% of its authorized power, under the 80% minimum of Commission rule 73.1560(c)(1), during the time it obtains and installs replacement equipment. This variance from the rules is unavoidable due to equipment failure, explained below. While repair is expected sooner, the maximum 180 days' time permitted by the rules is requested.

On August 4, 2015, one of five RF power amplifier trays in the WEDY transmitter failed. The tray was removed by CPBI technicians and hand delivered to Comark Communications (Comark), in Southwick, MA., in order to expedite troubleshooting and repair. Comark could not successfully repair the tray in-house, and so on August 11, 2015 shipped it to the manufacturer in Spain. Repair time is estimated at between 30 and 90 days. At worst, CPBI expects to resume full power operation of WEDY in November. Continued operation at reduced power during this time will serve the public interest.