

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 66% 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 CPBI hopes to complete the repair sooner, the maximum 180 days' time permitted by the rules is requested.

On June 13, 2016, one of five RF power amplifier trays in the WEDY transmitter failed. An attempt at repair locally on June 20, 2016 was unsuccessful. The tray was then 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 it has been shipped to the manufacturer in Spain. CPBI has been informed that the repair has been completed and the equipment will be shipped back to Comark next week. Allowing approximately two weeks for transport from Spain and two weeks to schedule and complete installation, the station should resume full-power operation by Labor Day. Notwithstanding, out of an abundance of caution the full six month period for reduced power operation is requested. The licensee understands that this request does not fully comply with the timing contained in the rules, it had inadvertently delayed communication of the results of the local repair attempt to counsel, resulting in this minor variance. Licensee believes grant of this request and continued operation of the station at reduced power during this time will serve the public interest.