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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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**Re: Assignment of Virtual Channel 60.5 to a
Multicast Channel of WMFP, Lawrence, MA (FIN 41436)**

Dear Mr. Hashemzadeh:

NRJ TV Boston License Co, LLC (“NRJ”) hereby respectfully requests the assignment of major and minor “virtual” channel 60.5 to a multicast channel of WMFP, Lawrence, Massachusetts (FIN 41436) (“WMFP” or the “Station”), pursuant to ATSC A/65C, ATSC Program and System Information Protocol for Terrestrial Broadcast and Cable, Revision C With Amendment No. 1 dated May 9, 2006, (“PSIP Standard”).¹ For the reasons set forth herein, NRJ submits that the assignment of virtual channel 60.5 to a multicast channel of WMFP is appropriate and such designation is consistent with Annex B, Section B.1.1 (7) of the PSIP Standard.

¹ Section 73.382(d) of the FCC’s rules generally require digital broadcast televisions signals to comply with the PSIP Standard. The most recent version of the PSIP Standard, dated August 7, 2013, is *available at* <http://atsc.org/standard/a652013-program-and-system-information-protocol-for-terrestrial-broadcast-and-cable/>.

The PSIP Standard

Annex B, Section B.1.1 of the PSIP Standard provides that:

B.1.1 Mandatory requirements for Major Channel Number Values in the Range 2-69

The following provisions assign major channel number values 2 through 69 uniquely to licensees licensed to broadcast digital ATSC signals and guarantee that the two-part channel number combinations used by a licensee will be different from those used by any other licensee with an overlapping DTV Service Area.

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A licensee may include in the transmitted multiplex programming originating from a different licensee. In this case, the major/minor channel numbers of the original broadcast may be used to label those services, as long as the major/minor channel number combinations are coordinated in the local Service Area to avoid conflicts in the channel numbers. The business coordination process for this requirement is beyond the scope of this document.²

Use of Virtual Channel 60.5 Here is Appropriate

In the case of WMFP, the assignment of virtual channel 60.5 to one of WMFP's multicast channels is consistent with Annex B, at Section B.1.1 (7). This multicast channel of WMFP will rebroadcast the NBC programming of NBC-owned low power television station WBTS-LD, Boston, Massachusetts (FIN 64996) ("NBC Programming"), which operates on virtual channel 8. Virtual channel 8 is not available for use by WMFP, however, because the DTV noise-limited contours of WMFP and WMTW, Poland Springs, Maine (FIN 73288), which operates on virtual channel 8, overlap. Because the NBC Programming is broadcast on a multicast channel of NBC-owned WNEU, Merrimack, New Hampshire (FIN 51864), which operates on virtual channel 60, it makes the most sense for the multicast channel of WMFP to use virtual channel 60.5 for the

² Annex B, Section B.1.1 (7) (footnotes omitted).

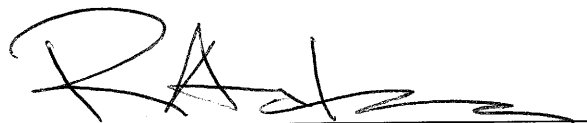
broadcast of the NBC Programming to avoid confusing viewers. As the DTV noise-limited contours of WMFP and WNEU overlap, attached hereto is the Consent from NBC Telemundo License LLC agreeing to the use of major and minor virtual channel 60.5 by a multicast channel of WMFP. Other than the overlap of the DTV noise-limited contours of WMFP and WNEU, there are no other conflicts with the use of virtual channel 60.5 by a multicast channel of WMFP.

Under these circumstances, NRJ respectfully requests the assignment of virtual channel 60.5 to one of the multicast channels of WMFP.

In sum, NRJ submits that the assignment of virtual channel 60.5 here is wholly appropriate and fully consistent with the underlying purpose of the PSIP Standard and the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

NRJ TV BOSTON LICENSE CO, LLC

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Robert G Andrews
Secretary

CONSENT

NBC Telemundo License LLC

Licensee of television station WNEU, Merrimack, New Hampshire (FIN 51864)
Major "Virtual" Channel 60

NRJ TV Boston License Co, LLC

Licensee of television station WMFP, Lawrence, Massachusetts (FIN 41436)

NBC Telemundo License LLC hereby provides its consent to NRJ TV Boston License Co, LLC for WMFP to identify programming on one of its multicast channels using virtual channel 60.5.

NBC TELEMUNDO LICENSE LLC

By: Margaret L. Louay
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