

Request for Silent Special Temporary Authority (STA)

ION Media Wausau License, Inc. ("ION Wausau"), licensee of television station WTPX-TV, Antigo, Wisconsin (the "Station") ceased broadcast operations on May 24, 2017. The Station's main transmitting antenna experienced unexpected physical and mechanical failure. ION Wausau worked with the transmitter manufacturer to troubleshoot high reverse power, and hired a tower crew to inspect the line and antenna. During their inspection, the tower crew discovered that the antenna had suffered irreparable physical damage and removed the antenna from the tower.

Currently, ION Wausau is working with other manufacturers to find an economical replacement for its main transmitting antenna. However, due to the antenna's abnormal radiation pattern, the task is proving to be quite difficult. Therefore, ION Wausau respectfully requests authority for silent STA while the Station continues to seek other alternatives to resume broadcast operations.