

WLCF-LD EXPLANATION OF EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

CTN has operated WLCF since 2007, building out digital facilities in 2008. The station operates digitally on channel 45. As a result of the now concluded Television Incentive Auction, all television stations are being migrated to and will exist between channels 2 and 36. The FCC has tentatively scheduled a filling window for displaced LPTV stations like WLCF for the first quarter of 2018. However, T-Mobile intends to commence wireless operations within WLCF's coverage area before the 2018 displacement window, and has provided CTN with the required 120-day notice letter. WLCF must therefore cease operations no later than October 31, 2017.

In anticipation of such early displacements and interruption of television service, the FCC has announced that it will accept displacement applications for LPTV stations that receive a 120-day notice letter, provided that a waiver of the displacement application filing freeze is requested, and a request for temporary operation on the requested channel is simultaneously filed.¹ This request for temporary authority to operate on an alternate channel is made in accordance with the FCC's announced policy.

¹ See *Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Set Forth Tools Available to LPTV/Translator Stations Displaced Prior to the Special Displacement Window*, Public Notice, DA 17-584 (released June 14, 2017)