

Request for Special Temporary Authority
WQAW-LD, Lake Shore, MD

Northstar Lake Shore License, LLC (“Northstar”), requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate at reduced power with temporary digital facilities, pending construction of the facilities authorized in BDISDTL-20090629AAY. Northstar has been operating pursuant to STA authority since May 5, 2010. *See* FCC File Number 0000005208. However, due to administrative oversight, the original STA was not renewed in a timely manner. Northstar therefore requests that the instant STA be made retroactive to May 5, 2016 and then carry forward for an additional six month period. During the pendency of this STA, Northstar will be able to determine whether WQAD-LD will be able to remain on its current channel or whether it will be displaced during the repacking of broadcast television channels pursuant to the Auction 1000 post-auction repacking process. Once this information is determined, Northstar can move forward to either construct its facilities in full or modify its license as needed.

Northstar requests digital operation on channel 20. Grant of this application would not constitute a major environmental action. No Section 1.1307 conditions, defining potential major environmental actions, are believed to apply. The proposed single-panel STA antenna would be side-mounted on an existing tower that has been registered with the Commission, with no change in the overall height of that structure. The proposed STA operation would meet FCC guidelines with respect to human exposure to radio frequency energy. The maximum predicted ground-level power density is 1.6% of the 0.339 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ public limit applying at UHF TV channel 20 (506-512 MHz). Since this is less than 5% of the public limit, the proposed operation is categorically excluded by Section 1.1307(b)(3) of the FCC rules from having to consider the contributions of other stations at or near the site.