

WECY-LD, Lafayette, Indiana (Facility No. 184197)
Request for Special Temporary Authority

JUSTIFICATION FOR GRANT OF STA

By this request (“Request”), DTV America Corporation (“DTVA”) respectfully requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate WECY-LD, Lafayette, Indiana (“Station”) from the location set forth in this request (“Requested Site”).¹ The site set forth in the Station’s license (“Licensed Site”) is not available, but the owner of the Requested Site has made that site available for use by the Station. Grant of this request would serve the public interest for the following reasons:

(1) It would enable the Station to provide viewers in Lafayette, Indiana and the surrounding areas with robust over-the-air service from a “Top 4” national television network, courtesy of a Time Brokerage Agreement, dated January 22, 2018, by and between DTVA and Woodland Communications, LLC.

(2) The Request would qualify as a “minor change” pursuant to Section 74.787 of the Commission’s rules. The Requested Site is fewer than 30 miles from the reference coordinates of the Licensed Site, and the protected signal contour resulting from the change set forth in this Request overlaps a portion of the protected signal contour of the Station’s facilities from the Licensed Site.

(3) The Request also would qualify as a minor change from the Station’s originally-licensed site (File No. BLDTL-20150202AES, which covers construction permit File No. BMPDTL-20141211ABT) (“Original Site”). The Requested Site is fewer than 30 miles from the reference coordinates of the Original Site and the protected signal contour resulting from the change set forth in this Request also overlaps a portion of the protected signal contour of the Station’s facilities from the Original Site.

(4) By its very nature, the request is for “temporary” authority, meaning the Commission can require the Station to cease operations at any time from the Requested Site.

(5) The Station is ready to commence operations very shortly after receiving Commission approval to this Request (perhaps just a few days thereafter, depending on the schedule of a construction crew).

(6) As soon as the filing freeze is lifted, the Station intends to file an application for minor modification to authorize the Requested Site for use by the Station on a permanent basis.

Based on the foregoing, DTVA respectfully requests grant of this Request.

¹ Because of the freeze currently in place on the filing of minor modification applications by low power TV licensees (see *Media Bureau Freezes the Filing of Minor Change Applications for LPTV/Translator Stations*, DA 17-1227, rel. December 20, 2017), this is being filed as a request for STA, rather than as an application for consent to a minor modification of an LPTV license.