

ENGINEERING STATEMENT  
SUPPORTING REQUEST FOR WAIVER  
TELEVISION STATION WFWA(TV)  
(FACILITY ID NO. 22108)  
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA  
CHANNEL 18

Background

This statement was prepared on behalf of Fort Wayne Public Television, Inc., licensee of WFWA(TV), Fort Wayne, Indiana, in support of a request for waiver of the FCC's Phase Assignment, Testing Period, and Phase Completion Date for television station WFWA in the Ft. Wayne DMA\*. WFWA is licensed for operation on RF Channel 40 with a non-directional effective radiated power (ERP) of 152.8 kW and an antenna height above average terrain (HAAT) of 221 m.

As a result of the FCC's Incentive Auction repack process, the WFWA facility was reassigned to RF Channel 18. WFWA holds a construction permit (C.P.) for an expanded operation on Channel 18 with a maximum directional ERP of 925 kW and an antenna HAAT of 218.8 m.† FCC engineering database summary sheets for the WFWA licensed and C.P. facilities are attached hereto for reference.

In coordination with the wireless carrier T-Mobile, WFWA seeks a waiver of the FCC's Phase Assignment, Testing Period, and Phase Completion Date to allow WFWA to make the transition to Channel 18 earlier than its given phase transition date. Specifically, the target date for WFWA to begin operations on Channel 18 is September 1, 2018.‡ This will facilitate the early deployment of new 600 MHz band wireless broadband services.

This statement demonstrates that WFWA can transition to Channel 18 before its assigned phase date without any disruption to the FCC's transition plans.

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\* Nielsen Designated Market Area abbreviated as DMA.

† See FCC File No. 0000034724.

‡ The WFWA transition to Channel 18 will be done immediately following the completion of the transition of WISE-TV, Fort Wayne, IN, which is expected to occur on or before September 1, 2018 under a separate agreement with the licensee of WISE-TV to make an early transition to Channel 34.

Assigned Phase

WFWA was assigned to transition Phase 6, with a testing begin date of September 7, 2019. This is based on the latest FCC Phase Assignment spreadsheet dated January 11, 2018.

Linked Station Sets and Linked Station Neighbor Stations

An inspection of the latest FCC Linked Station Set (LSS) and Linked Station Neighbor (LSN) spreadsheet databases indicates that the WFWA facility is part of LSS ID No. 44 in Phase 6. WFWA is associated with WISE-TV (Facility ID 13960) in a LSN, which is the basis for its inclusion in LSS ID No. 44. These are based on the latest LSS and LSN spreadsheets available from the FCC, both dated January 11, 2018.

Interference Caused Analysis Under Current Allocation Environment

An interference analysis was conducted for the WFWA Channel 18 C.P. facility utilizing the latest version<sup>§</sup> of the FCC's *TVStudy* coverage and interference analysis prediction software. The report of the results is attached hereto entitled 'Interference Caused Analysis for WFWA(TV) Channel 18 C.P. Facility Under Current Allocation Environment.'

The results of the analysis indicate that there are no cases of outgoing (caused) interference exceeding the normal 0.5% rounding tolerance level to any other protected full-power or Class A television stations now operating.\*\*

Interference Received Analysis Under Current Allocation Environment

An interference analysis specifically for the 'received case' of interference was conducted for the WFWA Channel 18 C.P. facility utilizing the FCC's aforementioned

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<sup>§</sup> TVStudy Version 2.2.4

\*\* This is under the provision that the WFWA transition to Channel 18 will be done immediately following the completion of the transition of WISE-TV, which is expected to occur on or before September 1, 2018 under a separate agreement with the licensee of WISE-TV to make an early transition to Channel 34.

*TVStudy* prediction software. The report of the results is attached hereto entitled 'Interference Received Analysis for WFWA(TV) Channel 18 C.P. Facility Under Current Allocation Environment.' The purpose of this study is to evaluate all current environment records in the received interference analysis.

The results of the analysis indicate that there are no cases of incoming (received) interference exceeding the 2% temporary interference limit to the WFWA Channel 18 C.P. facility. In addition, as noted in the interference analysis, considering only the WFWA cells receiving service from the licensed Channel 40 facility, the predicted interference received is equivalent to 0.16%.

A map showing the predicted coverage contour for the WFWA C.P. facility and the predicted WFWA Licensed (40) and C.P. (18) service cells is attached hereto. This map demonstrates the basis for the calculation of the predicted interference level to the existing licensed service cells of WFWA. Specifically, only the WFWA Licensed service cells were employed in the evaluation of the service and interference effects on the early transition to Channel 18.

#### Effects on Linked Station Sets

Because the licensee of WISE-TV will coordinate its early transition to Channel 34 on or before September 1, 2018, the WFWA early transition immediately thereafter in advance of its phase transition date will not create any new linked station sets. In addition, the early transition of WFWA and WISE-TV will eliminate two stations from LSS ID No. 44, which will simplify the transition process.

Conclusion

It is concluded that the early transition of the WFWA C.P. facility on Channel 18, as described herein, will not result in the creation of any linked station sets established in the Incentive Auction repack process.



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# TV Inquiry

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**Callsign:** WFWA      **Service:** DT      **Status:** LIC      **App. Status:** GRANT      **Border Code:** C      **Rec. Type:** C  
**Channel:** 40      **Offset:**      **Zone:** 1      **Docket Number:**      **DTV Type:**  
**Fac. ID:** 22108      **Assoc. ID:**      **Application File No.:** BLEDT-20130905ABC      **DT Emission Mask:**  
**City:** FORT WAYNE      **State:** IN      **Country:** US      **CP Expiration Date:**  
**Party Name:** FORT WAYNE PUBLIC TELEVISION, INC.      **Last Change Date:** 11/8/2013

**Latitude (NAD 27):** 41-06-13      **Height AGL (m):** 219      **Polarization:** H  
**Longitude (NAD 27):** 085-11-28      **Overall Height AGL (m):** 227.7      **Electrical Tilt (°):** 0.5  
**Latitude (NAD 83):** 041-06-13.2      **ERP (kW):** 152.8      **Mechanical Tilt (°):**  
**Longitude (NAD 83):** 085-11-27.9      **Maximum ERP (kW):**      **Mechanical Tilt Azimuth (°):**  
**RCAMSL (m):** 467      **Maximum ERP (dBk):** 21.84      **Degrees True (°):**  
**Site Elevation AMSL (m):** 248      **Maximum ERP at any Angle (kW):**      **Antenna Make:** DIE  
**HAAT (m):** 221      **Antenna Model:** TFU-28GTH-R 04 DC  
**Maximum HAAT (m):** 237

**Antenna Type:** N      **Antenna ID:** 87164      **Rotation (°):**

|           |            |            |            |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| 0° 1.000  | 90° 1.000  | 180° 1.000 | 270° 1.000 |
| 10° 1.000 | 100° 1.000 | 190° 1.000 | 280° 1.000 |
| 20° 1.000 | 110° 1.000 | 200° 1.000 | 290° 1.000 |
| 30° 1.000 | 120° 1.000 | 210° 1.000 | 300° 1.000 |
| 40° 1.000 | 130° 1.000 | 220° 1.000 | 310° 1.000 |
| 50° 1.000 | 140° 1.000 | 230° 1.000 | 320° 1.000 |
| 60° 1.000 | 150° 1.000 | 240° 1.000 | 330° 1.000 |
| 70° 1.000 | 160° 1.000 | 250° 1.000 | 340° 1.000 |
| 80° 1.000 | 170° 1.000 | 260° 1.000 | 350° 1.000 |

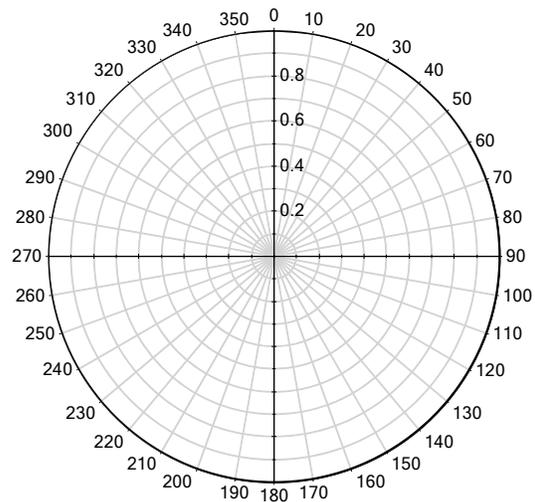
**Standard Pattern:**

**Antenna Make:** DIE

**Antenna Model:** TFU-28GTH-R 04 DC

**Last Change Date:**

**Note:** Rotation or tilt is not applied to the pattern shown



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|--|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>Type:</b> TOWER                     | <b>ASRN:</b> 1030891                | <b>FAA Study No.:</b> 82-AGL-185-OE     | <b>Structure Height (m):</b> 212.0 |
| <b>Latitude (NAD 27):</b> 041-06-12.8  | <b>Date Received:</b> 11/11/2011    | <b>Structure Height (ft):</b> 695.5     |                                    |
| <b>Longitude (NAD 27):</b> 085-11-28.1 | <b>Date Entered:</b> 11/11/2011     | <b>Ground Elevation (m):</b> 248.0      |                                    |
| <b>Latitude (NAD 83):</b> 41-06-13.0   | <b>Date Issued:</b> 11/11/2011      | <b>Ground Elevation (ft):</b> 813.6     |                                    |
| <b>Longitude (NAD 83):</b> 085-11-28.0 | <b>Date Constructed:</b> 07/01/1988 | <b>Overall Height AGL (m):</b> 227.7    |                                    |
| <b>Struct. Address:</b>                | <b>Date Dismantled:</b>             | <b>Overall Height AGL (ft):</b> 747.0   |                                    |
| 3632 BUTLER RD                         |                                     | <b>Overall Height AMSL (m):</b> 475.7   |                                    |
| FORT WAYNE                             | IN                                  | <b>Overall Height AMSL (ft):</b> 1560.7 |                                    |

**Entity Name:** FORT WAYNE PUBLIC TELEVISION



# INTERFERENCE CAUSED ANALYSIS FOR WFWA(TV) CHANNEL 18 C.P. FACILITY UNDER CURRENT ALLOCATION ENVIRONMENT

tvstudy v2.2.4 (Z2Qqz3)

Database: localhost, Study: wfwa18e1, Model: Longley-Rice

Study build station data: LMS TV 2018-01-23 (121)

Proposal: WFWA18E1 D18 DT CP FORT WAYNE, IN  
File number: wfwa18e1  
Facility ID: 22108  
Station data: User record  
Record ID: 2083  
Country: U.S.  
Zone: I

Build options:  
Protect pre-transition records not on baseline channel

Search options:  
All post-transition APP, CP, and baseline records excluded

Stations potentially affected by proposal:

| IX  | Call    | Chan | Svc | Status | City, State       | File Number       | Distance |
|-----|---------|------|-----|--------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
| No  | WYIN    | D17  | DT  | LIC    | GARY, IN          | BLEDT20040206AAA  | 186.7 km |
| Yes | WISE-TV | D18  | DT  | LIC    | FORT WAYNE, IN    | BLCDT20091103ACK  | 0.6      |
| No  | WJTS-CD | D18  | DC  | LIC    | JASPER, IN        | BLDTL20090212ABK  | 335.0    |
| No  | WKYU-TV | D18  | DT  | LIC    | BOWLING GREEN, KY | BLEDT20040803AAG  | 461.7    |
| No  | WDWO-CD | D18  | DC  | LIC    | DETROIT, MI       | BLDTA20130108ABZ  | 218.6    |
| Yes | WKEF    | D18  | DT  | LIC    | DAYTON, OH        | BLANK0000004293   | 172.6    |
| No  | WVTV    | D18  | DT  | LIC    | MILWAUKEE, WI     | BLCDT20101012ADH  | 314.8    |
| No  | WGN-TV  | D19  | DT  | LIC    | CHICAGO, IL       | BMLCDT20080201APP | 221.0    |
| No  | WDNI-CD | D19  | DC  | LIC    | INDIANAPOLIS, IN  | BLDTA20090615ADH  | 163.1    |
| No  | WXMI    | D19  | DT  | LIC    | GRAND RAPIDS, MI  | BLCDT20030117ABD  | 178.3    |

No non-directional AM stations found within 0.8 km

No directional AM stations found within 3.2 km

Record parameters as studied:

**Channel: D18**

Latitude: 41 6 13.00 N (NAD83)  
Longitude: 85 11 28.00 W  
Height AMSL: 467.2 m  
HAAT: 218.8 m

**Peak ERP: 925 kW**

Antenna: Dielectric-TFU-22JTH/VP-R S190 (ID 1002472) 355.0 deg  
Elev Pattnr: Generic  
Elec Tilt: 0.50

39.1 dBu contour:

| Azimuth | ERP    | HAAT    | Distance |
|---------|--------|---------|----------|
| 0.0 deg | 531 kW | 208.4 m | 82.7 km  |
| 45.0    | 94.7   | 220.2   | 74.0     |
| 90.0    | 176    | 229.8   | 78.0     |
| 135.0   | 94.7   | 226.7   | 74.5     |
| 180.0   | 531    | 229.3   | 84.6     |
| 225.0   | 759    | 220.0   | 86.7     |
| 270.0   | 925    | 208.0   | 87.2     |
| 315.0   | 759    | 208.4   | 85.5     |

\*\*Proposal is within coordination distance of Canadian border  
Distance to Canadian border: 195.8 km

Distance to Mexican border: 1928.4 km

Conditions at FCC monitoring station: Allegan MI  
Bearing: 339.5 degrees Distance: 178.5 km

Proposal is not within the West Virginia quiet zone area

Conditions at Table Mountain receiving zone:  
Bearing: 273.0 degrees Distance: 1689.6 km

# INTERFERENCE CAUSED ANALYSIS FOR WFWA(TV) CHANNEL 18 C.P. FACILITY UNDER CURRENT ALLOCATION ENVIRONMENT

No land mobile station failures found

Study cell size: 2.00 km  
Profile point spacing: 1.00 km

Maximum new IX to full-service and Class A: 0.50%  
Maximum new IX to LPTV: 2.00%

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Interference to BLCDT20091103ACK LIC scenario 1  
\*\*IX: 96.92% interference caused

WISE-TV to transition to Channel 34 on or before September 1,  
2018. WFWA to transition to Channel 18 immediately thereafter.

| Desired:    | Call         | Chan      | Svc             | Status    | City, State       | File Number      | Distance         |        |                |       |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|--------|----------------|-------|
|             | WISE-TV      | D18       | DT              | LIC       | FORT WAYNE, IN    | BLCDT20091103ACK |                  |        |                |       |
| Undesireds: | WFWA18E1     | D18       | DT              | CP        | FORT WAYNE, IN    | wfwa18e1         | 0.6 km           |        |                |       |
|             | WKEF         | D18       | DT              | LIC       | DAYTON, OH        | BLANK0000004293  | 172.2            |        |                |       |
|             | Service area |           | Terrain-limited |           | IX-free, before   |                  | IX-free, after   |        | Percent New IX |       |
|             | 20465.5      | 1,089,665 | 20465.5         | 1,089,665 | 20152.5           | 1,074,128        | 490.5            | 33,057 | 97.57          | 96.92 |
| Undesired   |              |           | Total IX        |           | Unique IX, before |                  | Unique IX, after |        |                |       |
| WFWA18E1    | D18          | DT        | CP              | 19967.0   | 1,055,927         | 19662.0          | 1,041,071        |        |                |       |
| WKEF        | D18          | DT        | LIC             | 313.0     | 15,537            | 8.0              | 681              |        |                |       |

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Interference to BLANK0000004293 LIC scenario 1

| Desired:    | Call         | Chan      | Svc             | Status    | City, State       | File Number      | Distance         |           |                |      |
|-------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|----------------|------|
|             | WKEF         | D18       | DT              | LIC       | DAYTON, OH        | BLANK0000004293  |                  |           |                |      |
| Undesireds: | WFWA18E1     | D18       | DT              | CP        | FORT WAYNE, IN    | wfwa18e1         | 172.6 km         |           |                |      |
|             | WDEM-CD      | D17       | DC              | LIC       | COLUMBUS, OH      | BLDTA20090223ACT | 108.3            |           |                |      |
|             | WISE-TV      | D18       | DT              | LIC       | FORT WAYNE, IN    | BLCDT20091103ACK | 172.2            |           |                |      |
|             | WCLL-CD      | D19       | DC              | LIC       | COLUMBUS, OH      | BLDTA20110616AAM | 108.3            |           |                |      |
|             | Service area |           | Terrain-limited |           | IX-free, before   |                  | IX-free, after   |           | Percent New IX |      |
|             | 29638.7      | 3,623,762 | 29470.8         | 3,619,081 | 25971.2           | 3,462,665        | 25651.0          | 3,447,403 | 1.23           | 0.44 |
| Undesired   |              |           | Total IX        |           | Unique IX, before |                  | Unique IX, after |           |                |      |
| WFWA18E1    | D18          | DT        | CP              | 2682.9    | 115,506           | 320.2            | 15,262           |           |                |      |
| WDEM-CD     | D17          | DC        | LIC             | 4.0       | 880               | 0.0              | 0                |           |                |      |
| WISE-TV     | D18          | DT        | LIC             | 2963.1    | 120,263           | 592.4            | 19,101           |           |                |      |
| WCLL-CD     | D19          | DC        | LIC             | 548.6     | 37,293            | 536.5            | 36,153           |           |                |      |

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# INTERFERENCE RECEIVED ANALYSIS FOR WFWA(TV) CHANNEL 18 C.P. FACILITY UNDER CURRENT ALLOCATION ENVIRONMENT

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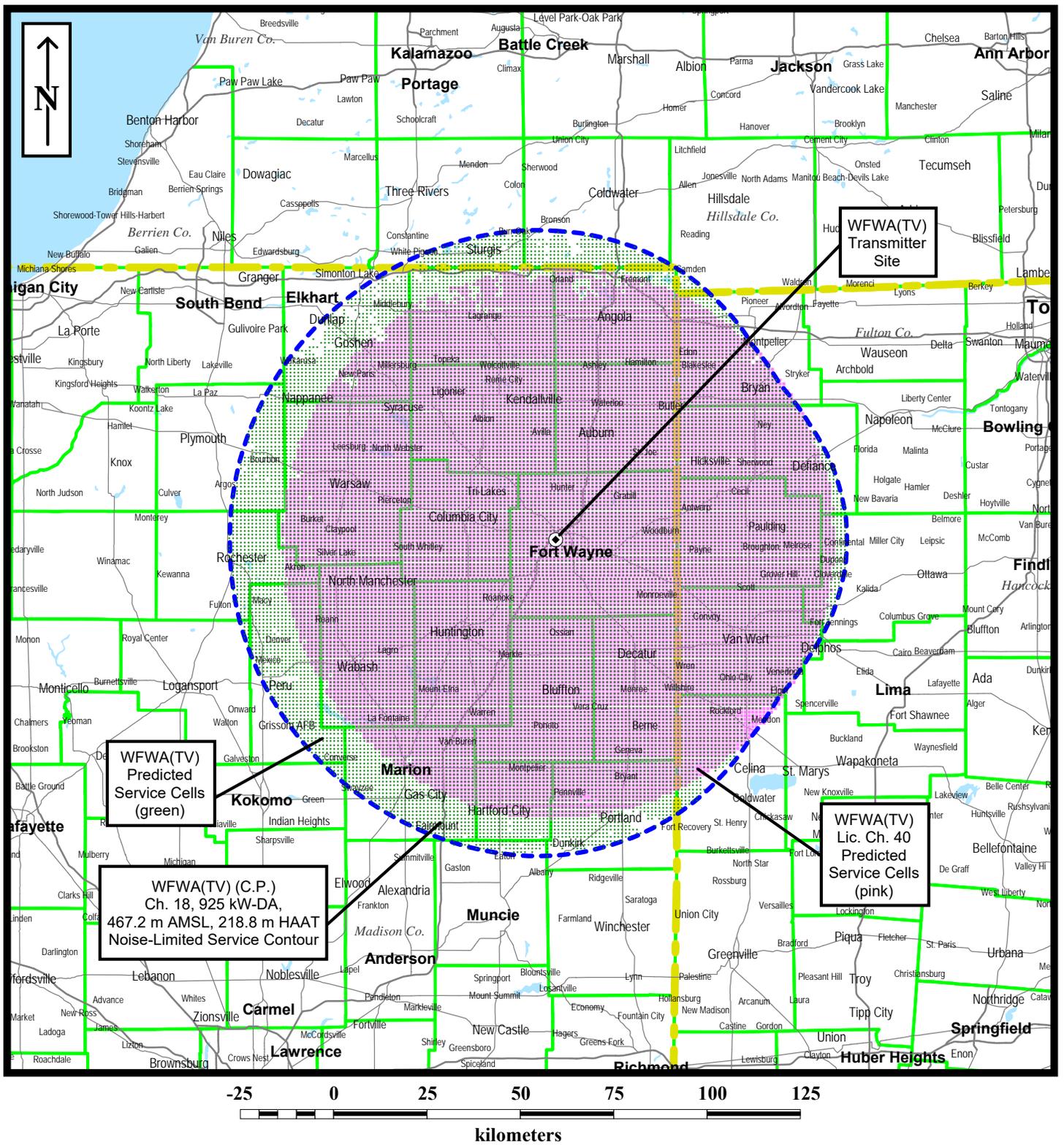
Database: localhost  
 Station Data: LMS TV 2017-12-11 (105)  
 Study: LMS171211  
 Model: Longley-Rice  
 Scenario: wfwa18elr

| Desired station                     | Service area       |           | Terrain-limited     |           | Interference-free |           |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Undesired station                   | Total interference |           | Unique interference |           |                   |           |
| WFWA18E1 D18 DT CP FORT WAYNE, IN   | 21103.5            | 1,141,942 | 21087.5             | 1,141,550 | 20732.5           | 1,125,963 |
| WYIN D17 DT LIC GARY, IN            | 0.0                | 0         | 0.0                 | 0         | 0                 |           |
| WDNI-CD D19 DC LIC INDIANAPOLIS, IN | 0.0                | 0         | 0.0                 | 0         | 0                 |           |
| WJTS-CD D18 DC LIC JASPER, IN       | 0.0                | 0         | 0.0                 | 0         | 0                 |           |
| WDWO-CD D18 DC LIC DETROIT, MI      | 0.0                | 0         | 0.0                 | 0         | 0                 |           |
| WXMI D19 DT LIC GRAND RAPIDS, MI    | 0.0                | 0         | 0.0                 | 0         | 0                 |           |
| WKEF D18 DT LIC DAYTON, OH          | 351.0              | 15,000    | 340.0               | 14,603    | (1.28%)*          |           |
| WVTV D18 DT LIC MILWAUKEE, WI       | 15.0               | 984       | 4.0                 | 587       | (0.05%)           |           |

\* Considering Existing WLOX Predicted Service Cells

| Desired station                     | Service area       |         | Terrain-limited     |         | Interference-free |         |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| Undesired station                   | Total interference |         | Unique interference |         |                   |         |
| WFWA D40 DT LIC FORT WAYNE, IN      | 17168.2            | 930,286 | 17163.2             | 930,074 | 17022.9           | 923,921 |
| W40CN-D D40 DC LIC SUGAR GROVE, IL  | 0.0                | 0       | 0.0                 | 0       | 0                 |         |
| WTVQ-DT D40 DT LIC LEXINGTON, KY    | 0.0                | 0       | 0.0                 | 0       | 0                 |         |
| WKAR-TV D40 DT LIC EAST LANSING, MI | 140.3              | 6,153   | 138.3               | 6,042   |                   |         |
| WLPC-CD D40 DC LIC Redford, MI      | 0.0                | 0       | 0.0                 | 0       | 0                 |         |
| WHIO-TV D41 DT LIC DAYTON, OH       | 0.0                | 0       | 0.0                 | 0       | 0                 |         |
| WHIZ-TV D40 DT LIC ZANESVILLE, OH   | 0.0                | 0       | 0.0                 | 0       | 0                 |         |
| WPXE-TV D40 DT LIC KENOSHA, WI      | 2.0                | 111     | 0.0                 | 0       | 0                 |         |

| Desired station                               | Service area       |  | Terrain-limited     |       | Interference-free |         |
|---|--------------------|--|---------------------|-------|-------------------|---------|
| Undesired station                             | Total interference |  | Unique interference |       |                   |         |
| WFWA D40 DT LIC FORT WAYNE, IN                |                    |  |                     |       | 16937.1           | 922,458 |
| INTERFERENCE/SERVICE LOSS FOR WFWA CHANNEL 18 |                    |  | 85.0                | 1,463 | (0.16%)           |         |



# PREDICTED COVERAGE CONTOUR FOR WFWA(TV) WITH LICENSED (40) AND C.P. (18) SERVICE CELLS

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