



WHDH(TV) 35 Boston, MA – Facility ID No. 72145 – STA Request Change to Transition Phase 7

WHDH(TV) was assigned to Transition **Phase 8** in accordance with DA 17-107 INCENTIVE AUCTION TASK FORCE AND MEDIA BUREAU ADOPT A POST-INCENTIVE AUCTION TRANSITION SCHEDULING PLAN Released: January 27, 2017 (MB Docket No. 16-306). This STA seeks permission for WHDH(TV) to begin operation with its new assignment in Transition **Phase 7**.

The extraordinary circumstances that warrant temporary operations at variance with the transition plan include the fact that the Channel 42 antenna WHDH(TV) presently uses will be removed from the tower to enable the installation of the new antenna. Unless WHDH(TV) can operate on its new channel early it will experience a prolonged reduced power operation using an interim antenna. This in turn would impose a hardship on the viewing public during the transition period.

The applicant seeks permission to change early knowing that all other facilities protected by WHDH(TV) on the new channel assignment will have changed channels in earlier transition phases. Specifically, WNEU D34 DT LIC MERRIMACK, NH BLCDT20021028AAH is a Phase 4 reassignment; WVIT D35 DT LIC NEW BRITAIN, CT BLANK0000048456 is also a Phase 4 reassignment; WPME D35 DT LIC LEWISTON, ME BLCDT20081103ADE is a Phase 3 reassignment; and WRIW-CD D36 DC LIC PROVIDENCE, RI BLANK0000001555 agreed to relinquish its spectrum in the incentive auction. The proposed WHDH(TV) temporary early operation on channel 35 will not cause impermissible interference to any other authorized facility.

WHDH(TV) is not part of a linked set of stations in the repack reassignments. Assigning WHDH(TV) to Phase 7 will not create a new linked set.

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