

WQDI-LD, Canton, OH
Fac. ID No. 184283
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WEKA-LD, Canton, OH
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Request for Silent Special Temporary Authority

DTV America Corp. (“DTV America”) respectfully requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to remain silent for a period of up to six months while it reconfigures equipment on the tower from which both WQDI-LD and WEKA-LD operate. The FCC has a history of granting such requests, particularly where, as here, the request is supported by good cause and granting it would further the public interest.

DTV America is seeking to maximize the efficiencies of collocating four of its low power television stations licensed to Canton, OH, from the same tower: WQDI-LD, WEKA-LD, WUEK-LD, and KONV-LD. This requires installing a combiner that will support all four stations. WQDI-LD and WEKA-LD will need to remain silent while their equipment is being removed and the new four-way combiner is being installed. DTV America believes this project will be completed in approximately four weeks, or by latest in early March, 2019, and intends to recommence operations of WQDI-LD and WEKA-LD promptly upon completion, meaning it is unlikely to need the entire six-month period.

DTV America believes that this colocation approach is necessary in light of the resource-constrained environment due to the ongoing 600 MHz Incentive Auction repacking process. This brief silent period would not implicate Section 312(g) of the Act, which allows for silent station authorizations for 12 months.¹ In contrast, the STA requested here would be for a period of up to six months, and would likely be needed for much less time than that.

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).