

Explanation for Reduced Power Operation WFTS-TV Tampa, FL

WFTS-TV experienced a failure in one of the cabinets of its transmitter on March 2, 2019, which limits the transmitter power output of the transmitter to 75% of the authorized output power of the station. Unfortunately, the transmitter manufacturer is out-of-business and replacement parts are difficult to acquire. WFTS-TV is scheduled to transition to a new channel (Ch. 17) as part of the Incentive Auction full-service television station repack in Phase 7 (1/17/2020). Therefore, the station plans to operate at 75% power until it can transition the facility over to its new channel with a new transmitter. WFTS-TV will file a request for STA since it will be operating at reduced power for longer than 30 days.

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