

Nature of Special Temporary Authority (STA) Request

WBSF(DT) is presently licensed to operate on RF Channel 46 pursuant to FCC License BLCDDT-20090622AFF. As a result of the FCC's Incentive Auction, WBSF(DT) was repacked to RF Channel 23. In accordance with its mandated reassignment, WBSF(DT) presently holds an outstanding Construction Permit, FCC LMS File No. 0000068742, to operate on RF Channel 23. As a station assigned to Transition Phase 3, WBSF(DT) is required to complete its transition to Channel 23 before June 21, 2019.

Because the WBSF 6-1/8" transmission line required for the full operation (600 kW) is not completely stacked on the tower, the station is unable to achieve full power on its new channel prior to the Phase 3 deadline. However, the station does have the authorized Channel 23 antenna and 3-1/8" transmission line on the tower which will allow the station to make the transition to Channel 23 by the Phase 3 deadline at a reduced power of 300 kW.

Granting the instant request for STA will allow WBSF(DT) to timely transition to Channel 23 while the new transmission system installation effort is being completed thereby furthering the public interest.