WHKY-TV, Hickory, NC (Fac. Id. 65919) Channel 14 Reduced Power STA Justification

ERI has advised WHKY-TV that it can no longer deliver its post-auction Channel 14 antenna for DTS1 site on time, and as a result, the station has lost its scheduled tower crew. Installation of the antenna is now delayed beyond the September 6, 2019 permit expiration date (end of Phase 5).

WHKY-TV has obtained a temporary Channel 14 antenna, for DTS 2, and will run the former Channel 14 analog antenna for DTS 1. WHKY TV seeks special temporary authority to commence reduced power/coverage Channel 14 operations no later than September 6, 2019. The temporary operation on Channel 14 will allow WHKY-TV to operate on its post-auction channel until its new antenna can be delivered and a tower crew scheduled. WHKY-TV anticipates that construction of its permitted Channel 14 facilities in accordance with construction permit LMS 0000078363 will be completed within six months, and therefore this temporary authority is requested for six months.