

Purpose of Modification

TEGNA Broadcast Holdings, LLC (“Broadcaster”), licensee of WNEP-TV, Scranton, PA (“WNEP”), hereby files this modification application at the direction of the Commission.

WNEP currently broadcasts on its pre-Incentive Auction channel, Channel 50. The Commission initially assigned WNEP to move to Channel 16 in Phase 4 of the post-Auction repacking.¹ WNEP was prepared to move to Channel 16 by the Phase 4 completion deadline of August 2, 2019.² However, in response to concerns raised by the New York Police Department regarding the effects of WNEP’s pre-transition tests on NYPD portable radios, the Commission reassigned WNEP to Phase 7 to allow time for further analysis.³

Based on further analysis, the Commission has informed Broadcaster that WNEP will be required to move to Channel 21 rather than to Channel 16. Accordingly, the Commission has directed Broadcaster to file this modification application for a WNEP Channel 21 facility in accordance with the procedures used by repacked television stations seeking alternate channels in the first priority window (*i.e.*, for full power stations, those stations “unable to construct” their assigned facilities or predicted to experience repacking-related population loss in excess of one percent).⁴

¹ See *Local TV Pennsylvania License, LLC*, Letter, Facility ID No. 73318, at 1-2 (MB Vid. Div. July 29, 2019) (“*WNEP Phase Reassignment Letter*”), available at <https://enterpriseefiling.fcc.gov/dataentry/api/download/attachment/25076f916c250acc016c437ae79c04a9>.

² *Id.* at 2.

³ *Id.* at 2-3.

⁴ See *Incentive Auction Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice*, GN Docket No. 12-268 *et al.*, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 2786, 2809-10 (WTB & MB 2017).