

WICZ-TV Request for STA for Reduced Power Operation

Stainless Broadcasting, L.P. (“Stainless”), licensee of television broadcast station WICZ-TV (“WICZ” or “Station”), Binghamton, NY (Facility ID No. 62210), hereby requests that the Commission grant WICZ special temporary authority (“STA”) to operate with reduced power for the maximum permissible length of time, or for 180 days, until Thursday, July 2, 2020.

On November 29, 2019, WICZ suffered significant damage to the Station’s transmitter during Incentive Auction-related repacked station testing. WICZ is a Phase 10 station with up and downstream links. Since the incident, the Station has been actively working on corrective measures to restore the transmitter and resume full power operation. During this repair process, the Station has been operating at half power.

In light of these circumstances, Stainless seeks prompt FCC grant of an STA approving continued WICZ operation with a transmitter operating at a reduced, half power level. Grant of this request would allow the station to continue to provide uninterrupted service to the viewing public in its market, a clear public interest benefit. To the extent a waiver is required due to the inadvertent late filing of this request, a grant of such relief is respectfully requested, for the same reasons that support grant of the STA.

Grant of an STA to WICZ as specified in this application would clearly serve the public interest and is respectfully requested.