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WBBJ-TV Transition Progress Report Amendment

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WBBJ-TV transitioned to its post-auction channel on March 13, 2020 operating under an STA granted March 12, 2020. WBBJ-TV ceased operation on its pre-auction channel at the same time. WBBJ-TV was granted an extension of its Construction Permit to allow more time to complete the installation of its new main side-mount antenna which had been delayed by bad weather at the tower site.

WBBJ-TV is operating on its post auction channel with an interim side-mount antenna and interim transmission line as specified in the STA.

The new WBBJ-TV main side-mount antenna has been installed on the tower. Upon testing of the antenna system by Dielectric, it was discovered that the legacy 6-1/8" transmission line was not suitable in its current state for full power operation on its post-auction channel. The testing revealed that the expansion connector assemblies within the transmission line have VSWR values greater than acceptable. This legacy line had been in operation on the pre-auction channel for many years and gave no indication that any issue existed. It was after testing that this VSWR issue was discovered.

Following consultation with Dielectric, the decision was made that the legacy 6-1/8" transmission line could be refurbished with rebuild kits supplied by Dielectric. These kits have been ordered and delivery has been scheduled to the site. It is estimated that the installation of these rebuild kits will take approximately three to four days dependent upon local weather conditions.

Another more serious issue has arisen that is causing additional delays with the completion of the transmission line rebuild and operation on the new main side-mount antenna. This is related to COVID-19 virus. Due to travel restrictions and to allow its crew members to see to the health and safety of their family

members at home, our tower crew company has temporarily suspended field operations at WBBJ-TV and allowed their employees to return home. Our tower crew company is monitoring the situation on a daily basis and is keeping WBBJ-TV updated frequently as to when field operations will resume. The latest update has work tentatively scheduled to resume the week of April 20, 2020.