

WQAD-TV, Moline, IL
Facility ID 73319

Reduced Power Notification

TEGNA Broadcast Holdings, LLC (“Licensee”), licensee of WQAD-TV, Moline, IL (“WQAD”), hereby notifies the Commission that WQAD currently is operating at reduced power due to an equipment failure.

The station currently broadcasts on an interim facility pursuant to a special temporary authorization (the “STA”), which authorizes the station to broadcast at an ERP of 955 kW.¹ On the evening of May 31, 2020, WQAD experienced a failure of half of its antenna and the divider that feeds the two antenna sections, which required the station to reduce its transmitter power output from 52 kW to 2 kW. A tower inspection on June 2 determined that the failed half of the antenna and the power divider would have to be replaced. The next day, the crew removed the failed antenna section, the power divider, and several other failed components. A temporary connection to the operational antenna section has allowed the station to increase its TPO to approximately 10 kW, or approximately 197.5 kW ERP. Replacement parts are scheduled to arrive on June 11, and the station currently expects to return to the full power authorized under the STA on or before June 30.

Licensee will request a revised STA if it appears the station will need to operate at reduced power for more than 30 days.

¹ See File No. 0000094070.