

Exhibit to WTVD Television, LLC Pre-Auction Termination Report

WTVD Television, LLC (“WTVD Television”), licensee of WTVD(DT), Durham, North Carolina, Facility ID 8617 (“WTVD”), was initially assigned to transition from its pre-auction channel (channel 11) to its post-auction channel (channel 9) at the end of Phase 9. On March 20, 2020, WTVD Television obtained a waiver of the Phase 9 completion date, and was reassigned to Phase 10, which specifies a July 3, 2020 transition deadline.¹ On June 30, 2020, WTVD timely ceased broadcasts on channel 11, though construction of WTVD’s main channel 9 facility, as authorized by its post-auction construction permit, LMS File No. (“Channel 9 CP Facility”), has been delayed as described herein.²

At the time WTVD ceased channel 11 broadcasts, it commenced operations on channel 9 using its licensed auxiliary facility.³ WTVD intends to continue using its licensed auxiliary facility for approximately 2 weeks, when it anticipates that it will complete construction of the Channel 9 CP Facility. The primary remaining task necessary to complete such construction is the removal of WTVD’s existing channel 11 antenna and installation of WTVD’s new main channel 9 antenna. WTVD has contracted with Coast to Coast Tower Service, Inc. (“CTC”) to perform this work, which includes coordinating, hiring, and scheduling a vendor to conduct a helicopter lift to perform the aforementioned removal and installation services.⁴

Initially, CTC had scheduled Erikson Airlift to perform the required helicopter lift. CTC recently notified WTVD that Erikson Airlift was no longer available due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and indicated that it had contracted with a substitute vendor for the helicopter lift services. This vendor is presently scheduled to perform the helicopter lift on or around July 16, 2020.⁵ WTVD anticipates that it will complete construction of the Channel 9 CP facility shortly thereafter (assuming no further delays with the helicopter lift process or other unforeseen delays), at which time WTVD will file a license to cover application for the Channel 9 CP. In addition, WTVD will take the necessary steps to submit invoices via Schedule 399 for work performed by CTC and its subcontractors, including the helicopter lift, as such costs are actually incurred.

¹ See LMS File No. 0000108444.

² See LMS File No. 0000116453 (extending Channel 9 CP to December 30, 2020).

³ See LMS File No. 0000115716.

⁴ The decision to install the main channel 9 antenna by helicopter was made in order to facilitate WTVD’s ability to meet its repack deadlines with as little delay as possible, as well as to make the replacement and installation process safer than would be the case if the antenna were installed via other means. For example, gin pole installation could not be accomplished until several months after the Phase 10 completion deadline, whereas helicopter installation can be completed with little delay, thereby reducing the amount of time from which WTVD will be required to broadcast using its auxiliary antenna, which is intended to serve primarily as a back-up antenna to be used for short periods during emergencies or maintenance work, and not for long-term, ongoing operations.

⁵ CTC attempted to coordinate WTVD’s helicopter lift process with other stations to reduce WTVD’s costs but, on June 29, CTC notified WTVD that it was unable to do so, such that WTVD’s helicopter lift would need to be performed on a standalone basis in order to ensure that the channel 9 antenna could be installed as soon as possible after the July 3 Phase 10 completion date and thus minimize the time period during which WTVD is required to use its channel 9 auxiliary facility to provide over-the-air service.