WEAU(DT) (FID 7893), Eau Claire, WI Request for new DTDRT

Gray Television Licensee, LLC ("Gray"), licensee of WEAU(DT), Eau Claire, Wisconsin (Facility ID 7893) ("WEAU") seeks authority to construct a new digital-to-digital replacement translator ("DTDRT") on Channel 24. The DTDRT facility is necessary to improve reception of WEAU's signal to viewers that have been unable to receive the station's over-the-air ("OTA") signal with fidelity since the station completed its post-auction repack facility.

WEAU was re-assigned from Channel 38 to Channel 17 in the post-auction repack. Since completing its Channel 17 facility in August, WEAU has heard from viewers that are unable to receive its OTA signal at all or only intermittently. Despite working directly with these viewers on methods to improve reception, it is clear that without the assistance of a DTDRT facility, many viewers will remain unable to receive WEAU's OTA signal on Channel 17.

Accordingly, Gray requests grant of the instant DTDRT application on an expedited basis so that it can complete construction of this fill-in facility before winter weather limits its construction options.