

Next Gen Television Deployment Plan

TEGNA Inc. ("TEGNA"), on behalf of its subsidiary TEGNA Broadcast Holdings, LLC ("Licensee"), licensee of television stations WCCT-TV, Waterbury, Connecticut ("WCCT") and WTIC-TV, Hartford, Connecticut ("WTIC"), requests Commission authority for WCCT to convert to Next Gen Television (ATSC 3.0) operation, establish an ATSC 1.0 format simulcast of WCCT's primary channel via WTIC, and host an ATSC 3.0 simulcast of WTIC's primary channel. Because WCCT and WTIC are commonly owned, no written simulcast agreement is required between those stations.¹ Subject to execution of the required simulcast agreements, WCCT also intends to host ATSC 3.0 simulcasts of the primary channels of WFSB, Hartford, Connecticut ("WFSB"); WTNH, New Haven, Connecticut ("WTNH"); and WVIT, New Britain, Connecticut ("WVIT"). All stations involved in these proposed sharing arrangements are located within the Hartford-New Haven DMA. As shown in the Engineering Statement attached to this application, WTIC's signal fully serves WCCT's community of license and 96.68 percent of the population currently within WCCT's ATSC 1.0 contour.²

Licensee intends to commence WCCT's ATSC 3.0 operations on October 12, 2021.

Licensee concurrently is filing a request for Special Temporary Authority to enable (1) WFSB to host WCCT's existing multicast channels affiliated with the Court TV and Comet networks in ATSC 1.0 format, and (2) WTNH to host WCCT's existing multicast channel affiliated with the Quest network in ATSC 1.0 format.

¹ *Media Bureau Announces That It Will Begin Accepting Next Generation Television (ATSC 3.0) License Applications in the Commission's Licensing and Management System on May 28, 2019*, Public Notice, 34 FCC Rcd 3684, 3685 n.5 (MB 2019).

² See 47 C.F.R. § 73.3801(c), (f)(5).