

Request For Special Temporary Authority

Guenter Marksteiner (“Licensee”), licensee of WZDT-LP, Naples, Florida (Facility ID 25539) (“the Station”), hereby submits this request for Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) to operate the Station’s digital facility specified in its construction permit in FCC File No. 0000054428, with parameters at variance to those set forth in that construction permit.

In accordance with representations previously made to the Commission, construction of the Station’s digital facility has been substantially completed and the Station anticipates commencing digital operations on its digital channel, Channel 36, from its new site and with full programming service on January 10, 2022. However, due to global supply chain disruptions, the Licensee was recently notified that the Station’s antenna will not be delivered prior to the January 10, 2022 expiration date of the Station’s construction permit.<sup>1</sup> The antenna manufacturer advises that it expects to deliver the antenna ordered for the Station in approximately May 2022. To avoid additional delay in providing service to the public, the Station has secured a substitute antenna and aperture from which to commence operations. The instant STA seeks permission to commence digital operations on the Station’s authorized digital channel, Channel 36, with a Dielectric TUM-C1 antenna mounted at 15.24 meters on the Station’s authorized antenna structure, and to operate with an ERP of 15 kW.

Grant of the instant STA request is in the public interest in that it will permit the Station to commence digital operation and service to the public as expeditiously as possible. If the Station is required to await delivery of the antenna on order from the manufacturer, service will be delayed much longer than if the Station commences operation with the facilities requested herein. The Licensee has expended significant effort and resources to prevent that result. Inasmuch as the reason for the unavailability of the antenna is beyond the Licensee’s control and the public would be served by the grant hereof, grant of the instant STA request is respectfully requested.

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<sup>1</sup> The Station is separately filing a request for waiver of tolling for the construction permit.