

#### JUSTIFICATION FOR SILENT STA

Digital LPTV station WMEL-LD (Facility ID 16828) has temporarily suspended operations because of an equipment problem that has made it impossible for the station to continue operating. The station discontinued operation on October 14, 2023. The licensee has been planning to seek FCC authority to change WMEL-LD's antenna location and install new transmitting equipment, which the licensee now intends to pursue on an expedited basis so that over the air service can be restored to the public as soon as possible. During the interim period needed to obtain a construction permit (CP) and build out the station's new technical facility, the licensee respectfully requests temporary relief to remain silent.