



Federal Communications Commission
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(via electronic mail)

Re: Request for Special Temporary
Authority
WVOA-LD, Westvale, NY
Facility ID No. 14319
LMS File No. 0000231253

Dear Licensee:

This letter concerns the above-referenced request for special temporary authority (STA) filed by Metro TV, Inc. (Metro), licensee of digital low power television (LPTV) station WVOA-LD, channel 6, Westvale, New York (WVOA-LD or Station). As set forth below, we grant the request for STA with conditions.

WVOA-LD is a digital LPTV station authorized to operate on channel 6 in ATSC 3.0 format.¹ The Station seeks an STA to operate an analog FM audio carrier within Station's assigned digital channel frequencies ("FM6 operations" or "FM6 service"). Metro states that it is ready to commence FM6 operations complying with all of the rules and regulations specified in the Commission's *FM6 R&O*, including those conditions specific to WVOA-LD.² We find that grant of the STA is in the public interest and consistent with the instructions provided by the Commission in the *FM6 R&O* permitting WVOA-LD to provide FM6 service as an ancillary or supplementary service.³

ACCORDINGLY, the request for special temporary authority of Metro TV, Inc. for LPTV station WVOA-LD, Westvale, New York, **IS GRANTED** for a period of **six months from the date of this letter**, subject to the following conditions:

1. All FM6 operations will be considered to be provided as an ancillary or supplementary service and must comply with all applicable rules, including those that were adopted in the *FM6 Report and Order*.⁴

¹ See LMS File No. 0000227652.

² See *Amendment of Parts 73 and 74 of the Commission's Rules to Establish Rules for Digital Low Power Television and Television Translator Stations*, MB Docket No. 03-185, Fifth Report and Order, FCC 23-58, para. 28 (rel. July 20, 2023) (*FM6 R&O*). The conditions by which the Commission permitted WVOA-LD to provide FM6 service as an ancillary or supplementary service are listed below as a condition of this grant.

³ While we believe that the operations set forth in the STA will comply with the rules adopted in the *FM6 R&O*, our action herein is not intended to supersede any rules adopted by the Commission, does not constitute a waiver of any of those rules, and does not represent that the Commission would waive any of those rules if the STA operations were found not to be in compliance with those adopted in the *FM6 R&O*.

⁴ See *FM6 R&O* at para. 28; 47 CFR § 74.790(o) (Permissible service of digital TV translator and LPTV stations). The rules adopted in the *FM6 R&O* took effect on September 28, 2023, except for those that required approval from

2. Metro must notify the Media Bureau no more than 10 days after it commences FM6 operations providing the date the Station completed its transition to ATSC 3.0 and the date that it commenced FM6 operations.⁵ It must also confirm its FM6 operational parameters.⁶
3. Metro shall submit to the Media Bureau written reports, 90 days from the date of this letter and then again 180 days from the date of this letter, detailing any reports of interference to other licensed users it has received and any interference between WVOA-LD's video and audio services that in any way limits the coverage of its video services.⁷ Such reports must also include a certification that WVOA-LD's FM6 operations comply with 47 CFR § 74.790(o).
4. The Station must notify the Media Bureau should any technical parameters of the station's LPTV or FM6 operations change, and file the appropriate application.
5. This STA has been issued on a non-interference basis and may be immediately modified or terminated if the operation causes interference to any other licensed user, including but not limited to broadcast television or radio users, or if Metro fails to comply with any conditions of grant. Pursuant to 47 CFR § 73.1635(b), the Media Bureau, without the consent of Metro, may also modify the terms of or terminate this authorization for any other reason upon written notice to Metro.
6. All written reports and notifications must be filed with the Secretary's office, to the attention of the Chief of the Video Division, Media Bureau and sent by electronic mail to both Barbara Kreisman, Chief, Video Division, Media Bureau at Barbara.Kreisman@fcc.gov and Shaun Maher, Attorney-Advisor, Video Division, Media Bureau at Shaun.Maher@fcc.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Barbara A. Kreisman
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the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), including new sections 74.790(o)(9) and 74.790(o)(10) of the Commission's rules; the requirement for FM6 LPTV stations to maintain an online public inspection file; and the requirement that FM6 LPTV stations notify the Commission of their intent to continue FM6 operations, provide their FM6 operational parameters, and notify the Commission of any changes to their operational parameters. *See Media Bureau Announces September 28, 2023 Effective Date For Certain FM6 LPTV Rules*, MB Docket No. 03-185, Public Notice, DA 23-775 (Aug. 29, 2023). The Station must come into compliance with any rules adopted by the Commission once effective. This includes the obligation to maintain an online public inspection file and comply with other Part 73 rules otherwise applicable to FM radio stations. *See* 47 CFR § 74.790(o)(11).

⁵ *FM6 R&O* at n.121.

⁶ Such information must include: maximum effective radiated power (ERP); radiation center above ground level (RCAGL); radiation center above mean sea level (RCAMSL); antenna height above average terrain (HAAT); antenna type (directional or non-directional); directional antenna pattern (if applicable); antenna make and model; transmitter power output (TPO); and a description of the transmission system, including any transmission lines, connectors, combiners, etc., and their associated losses.

⁷ *FM6 R&O* at para. 28.