

REASON FOR REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING STA – WIFY(FM)

On December 13, 2023, the transmitter for WIFY FM ceased operating and could not be turned back on remotely...when station engineers arrived on site it was discovered that a problem in the transmitter's control logic system was preventing the transmitter from turning on. After extensive on site troubleshooting, it was determined that replacement boards and sensors would be required to get the transmitter back to normal operation. Due to supply chain issues, it may be several months before all of these parts can be acquired. In the meantime, staff were able to remove the exciter and intermediate power amplifier from the transmitter and operate it in standalone mode to provide 660 watts ERP from the existing WIFY antenna. We therefore request an engineering STA to continue to operate at .66 kilowatts in order to continue to provide service to the community until the necessary repairs can be made.