

Hosting Arrangements Exhibit

Independence Television Company (“Block”), licensee of WBKI (TV) (the “Station” or “WBKI”), (Facility ID 34167; RF Channel 16), Salem, Indiana, is filing this application to modify WBKI’s NextGen license to include its non-primary video programming streams (multicast streams) that are aired as “guest” streams on “host” stations as part of the ATSC 3.0 transition. Block does not propose to change the WBKI primary stream simulcast host or multicast stream hosts from what was previously authorized (*see* FCC File Numbers 0000194608 and 0000195196, as extended).

WBKI currently serves as an ATSC 3.0 lighthouse station. On September 12, 2022, WBKI transitioned its ATSC 1.0 independent CW programming to WAVE(TV) (Facility ID 13989), owned by Gray Television Licensee, LLC. Additionally, to ensure no loss of over-the-air programming to the public, Block transitioned WBKI’s five secondary/multicast program streams to three other stations in the market. Specifically, Block moved three of WBKI’s ATSC 1.0 subchannels – 58.3 My Network, 58.5 True Real (now ION Mystery) and 58.6 Defy – to WBKI’s sister station, co-owned WDRB (Facility ID 28476). The fourth WBKI ATSC 1.0 subchannel – 58.2 Cozi – has also moved to Gray’s WAVE. The fifth subchannel, 58.4 Movies!, was moved to WLKY (Facility ID 53939) which is owned by Hearst Properties, Inc. Block notes that while the channel plan has not changed since the original STA request was filed and granted, as noted in the prior STA extension request, the virtual subchannels on the original STA request were accidentally switched for My Network and Cozi – My Network is on 58.3 and Cozi is on 58.2 as listed above. For clarity, WBKI’s programming streams are currently hosted in 1.0 as follows:

Network	Host Station	RF Channel of 1.0 Host(s)	Virtual Channel	Resolution	Simulcast in ATSC 3.0?
The CW	WAVE	36.5	58.1	720p	Yes
Cozi TV	WAVE	36.6	58.2	480i	No
MyNetworkTV	WDRB	32.5	58.3	480i	No
Movies!	WLKY	14.7	58.4	480i	No
ION Mystery	WDRB	32.6	58.5	480i	No

Defy	WDRB	32.7	58.6	480i	No
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As shown in the attached engineering exhibit, the ATSC 1.0 simulcast signal for the WBKI primary channel on host station WAVE is predicted to serve 90.1% of the population served by the original WBKI ATSC 1.0 signal. Further, as shown in the attached coverage maps, 97.7% of the viewers that received WBKI's My Network, ION Mystery and Defy multicast streams over-the-air retained access to those multicast streams from WDRB. In addition, 90.1% of the viewers with over-the-air reception retained access to the multicast stream for Cozi on WAVE; and 91.9% with over-the-air reception retained access to the multicast stream for Movies! from WLKY. In all cases, all of the WBKI programming streams continue to serve the station's community of license.

Block acknowledges that the coverage on WAVE and WLKY is below the 95% threshold required for expedited processing. However, as explained in the previously granted application and STA request, most of the service loss from moving the WBKI streams to WAVE and WLKY is service loss outside the Louisville DMA. In addition, due to ATSC 3.0 capacity and other constraints attendant with the multi-station and multi-market coordination needed for successful ATSC 3.0 deployment, no other host station in the Louisville market would have resulted in less service loss to existing viewers. *See, e.g.*, FCC File Numbers 0000194608 and 0000195196.

WBKI is airing the same number of programming streams, in the same resolutions, on the ATSC 1.0 host stations named herein as it aired from its own facilities prior to transitioning to the ATSC 3.0 standard with the exception of the MyNetwork stream that was formerly broadcast in 720p but is now being broadcast in 480i. Therefore, WBKI will not be using more capacity on the ATSC 1.0 host stations, in the aggregate, than it used on its own ATSC 1.0 facilities (and is actually using less).

Block confirms that WBKI does not currently, and does not intend to, rely on its multicast streams for compliance with the Commission's Children's Television Programming requirements, as WBKI averages at least three hours per week of core programming on its primary stream. As such, neither WBKI's compliance with the Commission's Children's Television Programming requirements nor viewers' access to the station's required core programming will be affected by the proposed changes.

Block confirms that it aired the requisite consumer notices regarding the station's transition to the ATSC 3.0 standard and the need for over-the-air-viewers to rescan their television sets in order to continue to receive WBKI's ATSC 1.0 programming streams. Block also provided notice to the relevant MVPDs of its proposed multicast ATSC 1.0 signal relocations when it provided the requisite notice regarding the relocation of WBKI's primary ATSC 1.0 signal. Block has and will continue to coordinate with the MVPDs that carry the WBKI programming streams to ensure they continue to receive a good quality signal, whether that be over the air or via an alternative delivery method (for example, a direct fiber feed).

Block certifies that will continue to abide by all conditions and commitments made in the previous grants. Block incorporates by reference the information and materials submitted with the two previously granted applications (FCC File Numbers 0000194608 and 0000195196, as extended) to the extent that information is not otherwise contained herein.

The hosting arrangements with WDRB, WAVE and WLKY continue to serve the public interest by enabling over-the-air viewers to continue to have access to WBKI's multicast streams. Absent the arrangements with WDRB, WAVE and WLKY, over-the-air viewers would lose access to WBKI's multicast streams. Additionally, the arrangement preserves access to all WBKI programming streams for viewers who are receiving them via MVPDs. Grant of this application will, therefore, serve the public interest, as it will advance the Commission's ATSC 3.0 policy goals while preserving WBKI's ability to air each of its programming streams in the ATSC 1.0 format.