

FCC Form 2100, Schedule 381

For  
WKPT-TV

Exhibit 1.(b)

WKPT-TV's licensed Transmitter Power Output (TPO) is based on its use of its former analog facility's large "hard line" transmission line, which had very low loss. That 46 year old line has failed necessitating return to use of the digital station's original 1 and 5/8 inch flexible Helix line, which has much higher loss; hence, the TPO required to make licensed effective radiated power (ERP) is higher than was required with the hard line, 3.86 kilowatts to be exact.

The old hard line has been physically removed from the tower, and new 3 and 1/8 inch Helix has been purchased to replace it. The new line is on site. As this station and the other TV and FM stations utilizing the same tower will have to leave the air during installation of the new line, and since the installation needs to be accomplished during daytime hours, licensee is waiting for a Sunday afternoon when the tower crew is available, the weather is cooperative, and the program schedule contains no significant sporting events. It is hoped the new line can be installed before the end of August. Once the new line is installed application will be made to specify the appropriate TPO going forward to achieve WKPT-TV's licensed ERP of 200 kilowatts using the new 3 and 1/8 inch Helix transmission line.

A request for Special Temporary Authority for WKPT-TV to operate using the 1 and 5/8 inch Helix line and a TPO of 3.86 kilowatts was filed on July 2, 2015, File No. BDSTA-20150702ABD.