

Request for Special Temporary Authority
WAGT-CD

Gray Television Licensee, LLC, licensee of WAGT-CD (Facility ID 3369) seeks authority to operate this station temporarily on Channel 30 with the technical parameters specified in the attached Engineering Statement. Gray requests authority for WAGT-CD to use these operating parameters in order to facilitate the transition of NBC programming from WAGT(DT) to WAGT-CD. WAGT(DT) was a winning bidder in the auction and expects to surrender its license on May 31.

WAGT(DT) currently operates on Channel 30. This STA requests authority for WAGT-CD to operate using WAGT(DT)'s technical parameters, but at a lower power. The Media Bureau previously approved a similar STA request (File No. 0000007776), however, Gray did not implement that STA because WAGT(DT) remained on the air. The use of these technical parameters will facilitate the transition of programming from WAGT(DT) to WAGT-CD so as to minimize the disruption and improve service to viewers. Additionally, allowing WAGT-CD to operate from Channel 30 will reduce the need for MVPDs to make technical changes in order to continue to carry the station's NBC programming. Gray will coordinate with the other stations in this market to ensure that its use of Channel 30 does not impact the repack and will cease its use of this channel at the appropriate time.

Gray therefore seeks prompt consideration of this STA request so that WAGT-CD may begin operations on Channel 30 immediately upon the surrender of the WAGT(DT) license.