

**TECHNICAL STATEMENT
WXOW-WQOW LICENSE, LLC
WXOW 251 KW-DA 348 M HAAT CH. 28
LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN**

WXOW-WQOW License, LLC, the licensee of digital television station WXOW, Facility ID No. 64549, proposes construction of the WXOW post-auction facility on Channel 28. Reassignment from Channel 48 to Channel 28 was specified in the *Channel Reassignment Public Notice* ("CRPN"), DA 17-314, released on April 13, 2017. The licensee proposes to operate WXOW in accordance with the technical parameters listed in the CRPN, with the exception of a slight adjustment in the antenna radiation center height. More specifically, it is proposed that WXOW will operate with an effective radiated power (ERP) of 251 kW and an antenna radiation center height above mean sea level (AMSL) of 616.8 meters. The antenna radiated center height above average terrain (HAAT) will remain 348 meters as determined by the *TVStudy* analysis software.

This application seeks to replace the antenna that WXOW currently employs in order to accommodate the channel reassignment. The new antenna will be an elliptically polarized directional Dielectric Model TFU-18GTH/VP 3T140. This new antenna will be designed to operate such that the horizontally polarized ERP will be 251 kW and the vertically polarized ERP will be 107.6 kW. The proposed horizontal azimuth pattern varies slightly from the relative field values associated with the present antenna due to the change in frequency. The vertically polarized component will not exceed the horizontally polarized component in any direction. The horizontal and vertical azimuth patterns for the new directional antenna are depicted in Figures 1 and 1A.

The aforementioned antenna height of 616.8 meters AMSL was determined based on the site elevation of the registered antenna-supporting structure and the proposed height of the new antenna radiation center of 243.2 meters above ground level (AGL).¹ Because there is no significant variance from the permissible contour coverage area as defined by the technical parameters specified in the CRPN, the proposed interference-free service population and area match the baseline 100 percent.² The *TVStudy* summary report provided in Figure 2 demonstrates that no interference beyond 0.5 percent will be caused to the

¹ WXOW's present antenna radiation center height is 240 meters AGL. Antenna Structure Registration No. 1035149 specifies a site elevation of 373.6 meters AMSL.

² The technical parameters specified in the CRPN result in an interference-free coverage area of 406,445 people and 22,997.4 sq.km. The proposed interference-free coverage area amounts to 407,656 people and 23,121.2 sq.km.



technical parameters of any other station as specified in the CRPN and the permissible coverage area will not be extended by more than one percent in any direction.

The construction permit application specifies an existing FCC registered tower that was constructed before March 16, 2001.³ Given that the specified antenna replacement does not result in a substantial increase in the size of the existing antenna-supporting structure,⁴ the criteria outlined in 47 CFR § 1.1307(a) for certain types of facilities that may significantly affect the environment do not apply. With regard to the rules for limiting human exposure to radio-frequency (RF) energy in 47 CFR § 1.1307(b), this application seeks authority to operate a television broadcast antenna in full compliance with those guidelines as described in greater detail below. The following technical specifications are proposed:

Frequency :	554 - 560 MHz (UHF Channel 28)
Effective Radiated Power:	251 kW(H); 107.6 kW(V)
Antenna Type:	DIE TFU-18GTH/VP 3T140
Antenna Polarization:	Elliptical
Antenna Height:	243.2 meters AGL
Location coordinates:	43-48-23.0 N, 91-22-03.0 W (NAD83)
Site elevation:	373.6 meters AMSL
Overall tower height:	249.7 meters AGL
FCC ASRN:	1035149; Constructed in 1982

³ 47 CFR Part 1, App. B, § III.A. "An antenna may be mounted on an existing tower constructed on or before March 16, 2001 without such collocation being reviewed through the Section 106 process set forth in the NPA, unless: 1. The mounting of the antenna will result in a substantial increase in the size of the tower as defined in Stipulation I.E, above; or, 2. The tower has been determined by the FCC to have an adverse effect on one or more historic properties, where such effect has not been avoided or mitigated through a conditional no adverse effect determination, a Memorandum of Agreement, a programmatic agreement, or a finding of compliance with Section 106 and the NPA; or, 3. The tower is the subject of a pending environmental review or related proceeding before the FCC involving compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act; or, 4. The collocation licensee or the owner of the tower has received written or electronic notification that the FCC is in receipt of a complaint from a member of the public, an Indian Tribe, a SHPO or the Council, that the collocation has an adverse effect on one or more historic properties. Any such complaint must be in writing and supported by substantial evidence describing how the effect from the collocation is adverse to the attributes that qualify any affected historic property for eligibility or potential eligibility for the National Register."

⁴ 47 CFR Part 1, App. B, § I.C. A substantial increase in size means: "(1) The mounting of the proposed antenna on the tower would increase the existing height of the tower by more than 10%, or by the height of one additional antenna array with separation from the nearest existing antenna not to exceed twenty feet, whichever is greater, except that the mounting of the proposed antenna may exceed the size limits set forth in this paragraph if necessary to avoid interference with existing antennas; or (2) The mounting of the proposed antenna would involve the installation of more than the standard number of new equipment cabinets for the technology involved, not to exceed four, or more than one new equipment shelter; or (3) The mounting of the proposed antenna would involve adding an appurtenance to the body of the tower that would protrude from the edge of the tower more than twenty feet, or more than the width of the tower structure at the level of the appurtenance, whichever is greater, except that the mounting of the proposed antenna may exceed the size limits set forth in this paragraph if necessary to shelter the antenna from inclement weather or to connect the antenna to the tower via cable; or (4) The mounting of the proposed antenna would involve excavation outside the current tower site, defined as the current boundaries of the leased or owned property surrounding the tower and any access or utility easements currently related to the site."



Using the methodology for predicting power density levels for television broadcast antennas outlined in *FCC OET Bulletin No. 65, Edition 97-01*, (OET-65), the proposed facility is calculated to produce a maximum power density of 2.06 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ at points 2 meters above ground (approximate human head height). This exposure level was determined using 10 percent antenna relative field, which is generally considered to be a typical value for UHF antennas. The maximum exposure limits applicable to Channel 28, as determined in accordance with 47 CFR § 1.1310 for uncontrolled and controlled situations, are 369 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ and 1,847 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ respectively. Because the worst-case exposure level determined for the proposed facility is not more than 5% of those guidelines and considering that the base of the tower is fenced and suitable warning signs are posted, no further showing of compliance is necessary. Accordingly, this application complies with the RF exposure limits and is categorically excluded from environmental processing by 47 CFR § 1.1306.

Steps to limit exposure to persons authorized to access the transmitter site will be consistent with the appropriate recommendations in OET-65. All maintenance and other related work to be performed at elevations higher than 2 meters above ground will be coordinated to prevent exposure to RF fields in excess of the controlled limit. Such preventative steps shall include reducing power or shutting down the facility.

Respectfully submitted,



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Height AMSL:	616.8 m
HAAT:	348.0 m
Peak ERP:	251 kW
Antenna:	DIE TFU-18GTH/VF 3T140 70.0 deg

40.1 dBu contour:					
Azimuth	ERP	HAAT	Distance		
0.0 deg	149 kW	351.6 m	87.9 km		
45.0	167	389.4	91.8		
90.0	177	383.4	91.8		
135.0	151	398.7	91.6		
180.0	222	310.1	86.4		
225.0	149	336.4	86.4		
270.0	145	314.5	83.7		
315.0	236	302.3	85.9		

Proposal service area is within baseline plus 1.0%
Proposal service area population is more than 95.0% of baseline

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Study build station data: LMS TV 2017-06-25 (3)

Proposal I: WXOW D28 DT APP LA CROSSE, WI

Facility ID: 64549

Station data: User record

Record ID: 136

Country: U.S.

Record ARNs excluded:

2012/019AEE

Non-U.S. records included

All records on or after 2017-04-13 excluded

Stations potentially affected:

Call	Chan	Svc	Status	City, State	File Number	Distance
KFXA	D27	DT	LIC	CEDAR RAPIDS, IA	BLCDT20050713ABD	199.5 km
WWGC-TV	D27	DT	LIC	MENOMONIE, WI	BLEDT20040824AAF	143.4
KSIN-TV	D28	DT	LIC	SIOUX CITY, IA	BLEDT20050729AMC	425.2
WEDE-CO	D28	DC	BL	ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL	DTVBL66978	371.9
WYZZ-TV	D28	DT	LIC	BLOOMINGTON, IL	BLCDT20060609ABE	394.7
KAWB	D28	DT	LIC	BRAINERD, MN	BLEDT20101012ADI	378.7
WXOW	D28	DT	LIC	EAGLE RIVER, WI	BLCDT20121005AAF	275.3
WISN-TV	D28	DT	BL	MILWAUKEE, WI	DTVBL65680	288.0
KGAN	D29	DT	LIC	CEDAR RAPIDS, IA	BLCDT20140416AAI	170.3
WFNC	D29	DT	LIC	MINNEAPOLIS, MN	BLCDT20100809CJF	197.0

No non-directional AM stations found within 0.8 km

No directional AM stations found within 3.2 km

Record parameters as studied:

Channel: D28
Latitude: 43° 48' 23.00 N (NAD83)
Longitude: 91° 22' 3.00 W

FIGURE 2 Analysis Summary TVSTUDY, VERSION 2.2.2.

Distance to Mexican border: 1794.4 km

Conditions at FCC monitoring station: Allegan MI

Bearing: 105.1 degrees Distance: 458.2 km

Proposal I is not within the West Virginia quiet zone area

Conditions at Table Mountain receiving zone:

Bearing: 255.2 degrees Distance: 1213.1 km

Study cell size: 2.00 km

Profile point spacing: 1.00 km

Maximum new IX to full-service and Class A: 0.50%

Maximum new IX to LPTV: 2.00%

Proposal receives 1.36% interference from scenario 1

No IX check failures found.