

ENGINEERING STATEMENT  
RE IN SUPPORT OF CONSTRUCTION PERMIT  
FOR REPACKED FACILITIES  
PURSUANT TO DA 17-314  
**WALV-CA, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**  
CHANNEL 17 8.18 KW ND ERP 269.8 METERS HAAT

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Donald G. Everist, being duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states that:

He is a graduate electrical engineer, a Registered Professional Engineer in the District of Columbia, and is President, Secretary and Treasurer of Cohen, Dippell and Everist, P.C., Consulting Engineers, Radio - Television, with offices at 1420 N Street, N.W., Suite One, Washington, D.C. 20005;

That his qualifications are a matter of record in the Federal Communications Commission;

That the attached engineering report was prepared by him or under his supervision and direction and

That the facts stated herein are true of his own knowledge, except such facts as are stated to be on information and belief, and as to such facts he believes them to be true.

  
Donald G. Everist  
District of Columbia  
Professional Engineer  
Registration No. 5714

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2/28/2018



This engineering statement has been prepared in support of a construction permit for repacked facilities for Channel 17 pursuant to DA 17-314 on behalf of VideOhio, Inc., licensee of Class A TV station WALV-CD, licensed to Indianapolis, Indiana. WALV-CA presently is licensed to operate on television Channel 46 with a maximum visual effective radiated power (“ERP”) of 15 kW non-directional with an antenna radiation center above mean sea level (“RCAMSL”) of 521.8 meters and a height above average terrain (“HAAT”) of 269.8 meters.

WALV-CA will provide its viewers appropriate advance notice of its plans to cease operations on Channel 46 prior to the transition, and will cease operating on Channel 46.

Transmitter Site

The existing WALV transmitter site is located at Ditch Road and 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Hamilton County, Indiana. The existing tower (Exhibit E-1) has a total overall structure height above ground of 316.8 meters (1039.4 feet). The WALV-CD antenna will be side-mounted on this tower at 270.7 meters above ground level. The registration number for the existing tower is 1024109.

The geographic coordinates of the existing site are as follows:

North Latitude: 39° 55' 43"

West Longitude: 86° 10' 55"

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North Latitude: 39° 55' 43.0"

West Longitude: 86° 10' 55.0"

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Equipment Data

Antenna: ERI, Type AL8-17-PMC (or equivalent) non-directional antenna with 1.75° electrical beam tilt. The vertical plane pattern and other exhibits required by Section 73.625(c) are herein included as Exhibit E-2.

Transmission Line: ERI, Type MACX350A, 3-/18", 50 ohm, rigid, with a length, 282 meters (926 feet)

Emission Mask: Full-Service

Power Data

Transmitter output		3.09 kW
Antenna/load test switch efficiency/loss		98.6%
Transmission line efficiency/loss 282 meters (926 feet)		63.27%
Input power to the antenna		1.925 kW
Antenna power gain, Main Lobe (-1.75)	Horizontal	4.25
	Vertical	4.25
Effective Radiated Power, Maximum	Horizontal	8.18 kW
	Vertical	8.18 kW

Elevation Data  
(unchanged)

Vertical dimension for Channel 17 antenna	4.02 meters 13.2 feet
Overall height above ground of the antenna structure (including beacon)	316.8 meters 1039.4 feet
Center of radiation of Channel 17 antenna above ground	270.7 meters 888 feet
Elevation of site above mean sea level	251.1 meters 824 feet
Center of radiation of Channel 17 antenna above mean sea level	521.8 meters 1712 feet
Overall height above mean sea level of existing tower and antenna (including beacon)	567.9 meters 1863 feet

Note: Slight height differences may result due to conversion to metric.

Topographic Data

The average HAAT for the eight cardinal radials from 3.2 to 16.1 kilometers has previously been established based on data from WTHR-DT.

Contour Data

Utilizing the formula in Section 73.625(b)(2) for the effective height along each radial the depression angle  $\Delta_h$  for each azimuth has been calculated. The maximum radiation value has been used to calculate the ERP where the vertical radiation pattern field value at these angles is greater than 90% of the maximum.

Table I provides the distances calculated by TVStudy 2.2 along each radial to the predicted F(50,90) 49.044 dBu contour, the effective radiated power and the effective antenna heights. The predicted 49.044 dBu contour determined from the calculated distances are shown in the attached map (Exhibit E-3).

Exhibit E-4 reflects the proposed coverage contour in relation to that licensed.

The distances along each radial to the limit of the F(50,90) 49.044 dBu contour were determined from reference to the appropriate propagation data for UHF channels as published by the Federal Communications Commission in Section 73.699 of its rules.

#### Environmental Statement

There are no AM stations located within five km of the existing WTHR-DT tower site. According to the FCC CDBS database, there are no FM stations and with the exception of WTHR-DT, no other full-service TV are stations located within 100 meters. Only one WALV-CD, licensed to Indianapolis, Indiana, shares the WTHR-DT tower.

Access to the tower property is prevented by a six-foot chain link fence with a locked gate. In addition, to prevent unauthorized access to the tower, a fence with three strands of barb wire with a locked gate encloses the tower base.

The proposed operation, based upon the current OET Bulletin No. 65, Edition 97-01, dated August 1997 and Supplement A, meets the provisions of the FCC radio frequency field ("RFF") guidelines, and thus, complies with Section 1.1307 of the FCC Rules.

The RFF contribution of each station will be calculated using the following formula:

$$S = \frac{33.4(F^2) \text{ Total ERP}}{R^2}$$

where:

S = power density in  $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$

F = relative field factor

Total ERP = ERP Horizontal Polarization + ERP Vertical Polarization

R = RCAGL - 2 meters

ERP = RMS ERP in watts for DTV Stations

For WTHR-DT currently is licensed to operate with 42.1 kW ERP (circular polarization) using a Dielectric, TCL-16A13 antenna. See FCC File No. BLDTA-20111229AAU. The antenna manufacturer representative indicates that the elevation pattern for this antenna shows a maximum relative field of less than 0.132 towards the ground in the vicinity of the tower. Using this relative field factor and the procedures prescribed in OET Bulletin No. 65, the maximum RFF resulting from the present operation at two meters above the base (297.9 meters) of the tower is calculated to be less than one microwatts/cm<sup>2</sup>. This is less than one percent of the 200 microwatts/cm<sup>2</sup> maximum human exposure to RFF recommended by the current FCC guidelines for an uncontrolled environment.

WALV-CA proposes to operate with a ERI, Type AL8-17-PMC antenna with an effective radiated power of 8.18 kW on UHF Channel 17 with a center of radiation above ground of 270.7 meters (888.1 feet). As shown, the elevation pattern for this antenna shows a maximum relative field of less than 0.120 (30° to 90°) towards the ground in the vicinity of the tower.

Using this relative field factor and the procedures prescribed in OET Bulletin 65, the maximum RFF resulting from the proposed operation is less than one  $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$  at 2 meters above the ground. This is less than one percent of the  $327 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$  maximum human exposure to RFF recommended by the FCC guidelines for an uncontrolled environment.

The total contribution by WTHR-DT stations and the proposed WALV-CD operation at 2 meters above ground level is less than two percent of the current FCC guidelines for an uncontrolled environment.

Authorized personnel and rigging contractors will be alerted to the potential zone of high field levels on the tower, and if necessary, the station will operate with reduced power or terminate the operation of the transmitter as appropriate when it is necessary for authorized personnel or contractors to perform work on the tower. Workers and the general public, therefore, will not be subjected to RFF levels in excess of the current FCC guidelines.

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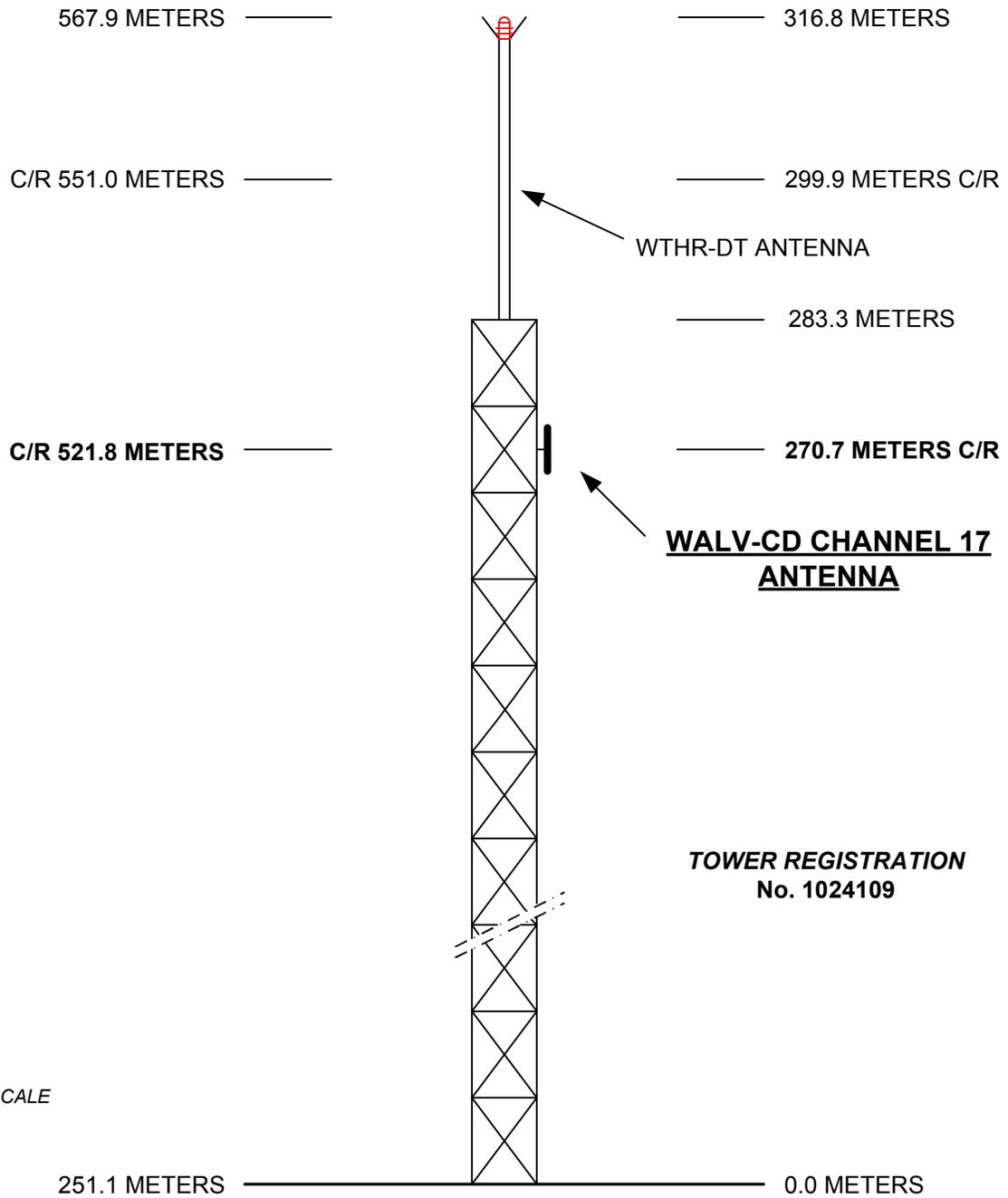
An environmental assessment (“EA”) is categorically excluded under Section 1.1306 of the FCC Rules and Regulations as the tower was constructed prior to the requirements specified in WT Docket No. 03-128 and the licensee indicates:

- (a)(1) The proposed facilities are not located in an officially designated wilderness area.
- (a)(2) The proposed facilities located on an existing tower are not located in an officially designated wildlife preserve.
- (a)(3) The proposed facilities located on an existing tower will not affect any listed threatened or endangered species or habitats.

- (a)(3)(ii) The proposed facilities located on an existing tower will not jeopardize the continued existence of any proposed endangered or threatened species or likely to result in the destruction or adverse modification of proposed critical habitats.
- (a)(4) The proposed facilities located on a tower which was built prior to the adoption of WT Docket No. 03-128 and is grandfathered and has not affected any known districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or culture.
- (a)(5) The existing tower is not located near any known Indian religious sites.
- (a)(6) The existing tower is not located in a flood plain.
- (a)(7) The operation of the DTV facilities into an existing antenna that is on an existing tower at an existing site will not involve a significant change in surface features of the ground in the vicinity of the tower.
- (a)(8) The existing tower lighting will remain unchanged.
- (b) Workers and the general public will not be subjected to RFF levels in excess of the current FCC guidelines contained in OET Bulletin 65 (Edition 97-01) and Supplement A. Authorized personnel will be alerted to areas of the antennas where potential radiation levels are in excess of the FCC guidelines. A security fence with a locked gate precludes access to the tower site.

ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL

ABOVE GROUND



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EXHIBIT E-1  
VERTICAL SKETCH  
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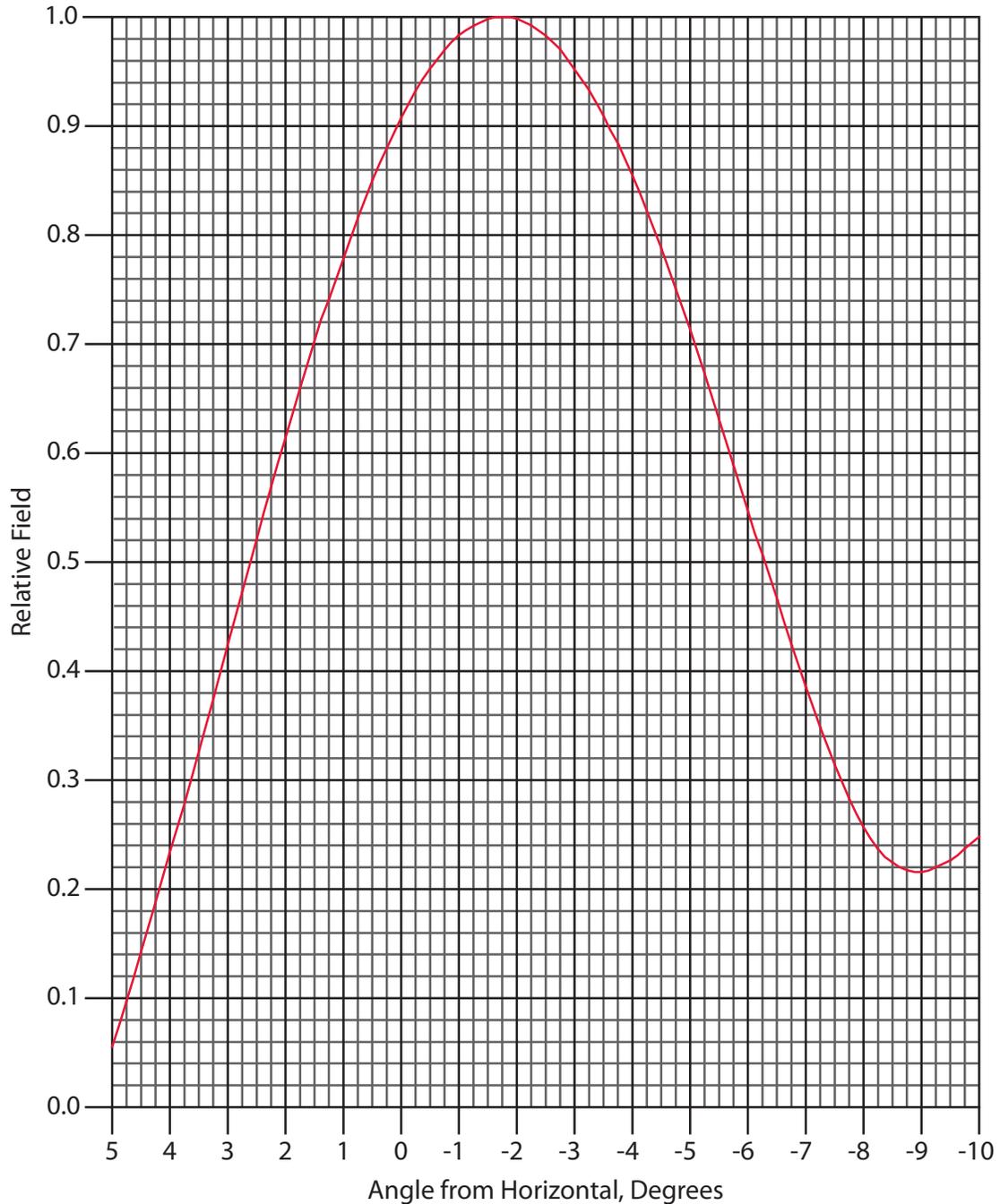
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EXHIBIT E-2

ANTENNA MANUFACTURER DATA

## Elevation Pattern

Type:	AL8PM7	
Directivity	Numeric	<i>dBd</i>
Main Lobe:	8.50	(9.29)
Horizontal:	7.00	(8.45)
Beam Tilt	-1.75 °	
Polarization:	Horizontal and Vertical	
Frequency:		
Location:		



## Tabulated Data for Elevation Pattern

Type: AL8PM7

-5 to 10 degrees in 0.25 degree increments  
10 to 90 degrees in 0.50 degree increments

Angle	Field	dB
5.00	0.056	-25.04
4.75	0.097	-20.26
4.50	0.141	-17.02
4.25	0.186	-14.61
4.00	0.233	-12.65
3.75	0.280	-11.06
3.50	0.328	-9.68
3.25	0.376	-8.50
3.00	0.425	-7.43
2.75	0.473	-6.50
2.50	0.521	-5.66
2.25	0.568	-4.91
2.00	0.614	-4.24
1.75	0.658	-3.64
1.50	0.701	-3.09
1.25	0.742	-2.59
1.00	0.780	-2.16
0.75	0.816	-1.77
0.50	0.850	-1.41
0.25	0.880	-1.11
0.00	0.908	-0.84
-0.25	0.932	-0.61
-0.50	0.952	-0.43
-0.75	0.969	-0.27
-1.00	0.983	-0.15
-1.25	0.992	-0.07
-1.50	0.998	-0.02
-1.75	1.000	0.00
-2.00	0.998	-0.02
-2.25	0.992	-0.07
-2.50	0.983	-0.15
-2.75	0.970	-0.26
-3.00	0.953	-0.42
-3.25	0.933	-0.60
-3.50	0.910	-0.82
-3.75	0.883	-1.08
-4.00	0.854	-1.37
-4.25	0.822	-1.70
-4.50	0.787	-2.08
-4.75	0.751	-2.49
-5.00	0.713	-2.94
-5.25	0.673	-3.44
-5.50	0.632	-3.99
-5.75	0.590	-4.58
-6.00	0.548	-5.22

Angle	Field	dB
-6.25	0.506	-5.92
-6.50	0.465	-6.65
-6.75	0.424	-7.45
-7.00	0.385	-8.29
-7.25	0.348	-9.17
-7.50	0.314	-10.06
-7.75	0.284	-10.93
-8.00	0.258	-11.77
-8.25	0.238	-12.47
-8.50	0.225	-12.96
-8.75	0.217	-13.27
-9.00	0.216	-13.31
-9.25	0.220	-13.15
-9.50	0.227	-12.88
-9.75	0.237	-12.51
-10.00	0.248	-12.11
-10.50	0.270	-11.37
-11.00	0.287	-10.84
-11.50	0.298	-10.52
-12.00	0.299	-10.49
-12.50	0.292	-10.69
-13.00	0.277	-11.15
-13.50	0.255	-11.87
-14.00	0.227	-12.88
-14.50	0.195	-14.20
-15.00	0.161	-15.86
-15.50	0.128	-17.86
-16.00	0.101	-19.91
-16.50	0.087	-21.21
-17.00	0.090	-20.92
-17.50	0.105	-19.58
-18.00	0.125	-18.06
-18.50	0.144	-16.83
-19.00	0.159	-15.97
-19.50	0.169	-15.44
-20.00	0.174	-15.19
-20.50	0.173	-15.24
-21.00	0.167	-15.55
-21.50	0.155	-16.19
-22.00	0.140	-17.08
-22.50	0.120	-18.42
-23.00	0.099	-20.09
-23.50	0.078	-22.16
-24.00	0.060	-24.44
-24.50	0.050	-26.02

Angle	Field	dB
-25.00	0.053	-25.51
-25.50	0.066	-23.61
-26.00	0.083	-21.62
-26.50	0.098	-20.18
-27.00	0.112	-19.02
-27.50	0.122	-18.27
-28.00	0.128	-17.86
-28.50	0.131	-17.65
-29.00	0.129	-17.79
-29.50	0.124	-18.13
-30.00	0.115	-18.79
-30.50	0.103	-19.74
-31.00	0.088	-21.11
-31.50	0.073	-22.73
-32.00	0.056	-25.04
-32.50	0.042	-27.54
-33.00	0.034	-29.37
-33.50	0.037	-28.64
-34.00	0.048	-26.38
-34.50	0.061	-24.29
-35.00	0.075	-22.50
-35.50	0.087	-21.21
-36.00	0.098	-20.18
-36.50	0.105	-19.58
-37.00	0.110	-19.17
-37.50	0.112	-19.02
-38.00	0.111	-19.09
-38.50	0.107	-19.41
-39.00	0.100	-20.00
-39.50	0.091	-20.82
-40.00	0.080	-21.94
-40.50	0.068	-23.35
-41.00	0.055	-25.19
-41.50	0.041	-27.74
-42.00	0.029	-30.75
-42.50	0.022	-33.15
-43.00	0.026	-31.70
-43.50	0.037	-28.64
-44.00	0.050	-26.02
-44.50	0.062	-24.15
-45.00	0.074	-22.62
-45.50	0.084	-21.51
-46.00	0.092	-20.72
-46.50	0.099	-20.09
-47.00	0.104	-19.66

Angle	Field	dB
-47.50	0.106	-19.49
-48.00	0.106	-19.49
-48.50	0.105	-19.58
-49.00	0.101	-19.91
-49.50	0.096	-20.35
-50.00	0.089	-21.01
-50.50	0.080	-21.94
-51.00	0.070	-23.10
-51.50	0.059	-24.58
-52.00	0.048	-26.38
-52.50	0.035	-29.12
-53.00	0.023	-32.77
-53.50	0.011	-39.17
-54.00	0.009	-40.92
-54.50	0.020	-33.98
-55.00	0.032	-29.90
-55.50	0.044	-27.13
-56.00	0.056	-25.04
-56.50	0.066	-23.61
-57.00	0.076	-22.38
-57.50	0.085	-21.41
-58.00	0.093	-20.63
-58.50	0.099	-20.09
-59.00	0.105	-19.58
-59.50	0.109	-19.25
-60.00	0.112	-19.02
-60.50	0.114	-18.86
-61.00	0.115	-18.79
-61.50	0.115	-18.79
-62.00	0.114	-18.86
-62.50	0.112	-19.02
-63.00	0.109	-19.25
-63.50	0.105	-19.58
-64.00	0.101	-19.91
-64.50	0.095	-20.45
-65.00	0.090	-20.92
-65.50	0.084	-21.51
-66.00	0.077	-22.27
-66.50	0.071	-22.97
-67.00	0.064	-23.88
-67.50	0.058	-24.73
-68.00	0.051	-25.85
-68.50	0.045	-26.94
-69.00	0.040	-27.96
-69.50	0.035	-29.12

Angle	Field	dB
-70.00	0.032	-29.90
-70.50	0.030	-30.46
-71.00	0.030	-30.46
-71.50	0.031	-30.17
-72.00	0.033	-29.63
-72.50	0.035	-29.12
-73.00	0.038	-28.40
-73.50	0.042	-27.54
-74.00	0.045	-26.94
-74.50	0.048	-26.38
-75.00	0.051	-25.85
-75.50	0.053	-25.51
-76.00	0.056	-25.04
-76.50	0.057	-24.88
-77.00	0.059	-24.58
-77.50	0.060	-24.44
-78.00	0.061	-24.29
-78.50	0.061	-24.29
-79.00	0.061	-24.29
-79.50	0.061	-24.29
-80.00	0.060	-24.44
-80.50	0.059	-24.58
-81.00	0.058	-24.73
-81.50	0.056	-25.04
-82.00	0.054	-25.35
-82.50	0.052	-25.68
-83.00	0.050	-26.02
-83.50	0.047	-26.56
-84.00	0.044	-27.13
-84.50	0.041	-27.74
-85.00	0.038	-28.40
-85.50	0.035	-29.12
-86.00	0.031	-30.17
-86.50	0.028	-31.06
-87.00	0.024	-32.40
-87.50	0.020	-33.98
-88.00	0.016	-35.92
-88.50	0.012	-38.42
-89.00	0.008	-41.94
-89.50	0.004	-47.96
-90.00	0.000	---



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COMPUTED COVERAGE DATA  
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<u>Radial</u> <u>Bearing</u> (N ° E, T)	<u>Average*</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>Height</u> meters	<u>Depression</u> <u>Angle</u> degrees	<u>ERP At</u> <u>Radio</u> <u>Horizon</u> kW	<u>Distance to Contour F(50/90)</u>	
	<u>Elevation</u> <u>3.2 to 16.1 km</u> meters				<u>58 dBu</u> <u>City Grade</u> km	<u>49.044 dBu</u> <u>Noise-Limited</u> km
0	275.6	246.2	0.435	8.18	40.8	51.6
10	270.1	251.7	0.439	8.18	41.1	51.9
20	264.7	257.1	0.444	8.18	41.4	52.2
30	259.3	262.5	0.449	8.18	41.6	52.5
40	253.9	267.9	0.453	8.18	41.9	52.8
50	249.8	272.0	0.457	8.18	42.1	53.0
60	247.2	274.6	0.459	8.18	42.2	53.2
70	244.5	277.3	0.461	8.18	42.3	53.3
80	241.8	280.0	0.463	8.18	42.5	53.5
90	239.2	282.6	0.466	8.18	42.6	53.6
100	238.6	283.2	0.466	8.18	42.6	53.6
110	238.0	283.8	0.467	8.18	42.6	53.7
120	237.4	284.4	0.467	8.18	42.7	53.7
130	236.8	285.0	0.468	8.18	42.7	53.7
140	235.7	286.1	0.469	8.18	42.8	53.8
150	234.1	287.7	0.470	8.18	42.8	53.9
160	232.5	289.3	0.471	8.18	42.9	54.0
170	230.8	291.0	0.472	8.18	43.0	54.1
180	229.2	292.6	0.474	8.18	43.1	54.2
190	234.3	287.5	0.470	8.18	42.8	53.9
200	239.4	282.4	0.465	8.18	42.6	53.6
210	244.5	277.3	0.461	8.18	42.3	53.3
220	249.6	272.2	0.457	8.18	42.1	53.0
230	254.3	267.5	0.453	8.18	41.9	52.8
240	258.7	263.1	0.449	8.18	41.7	52.5
250	263.1	258.7	0.446	8.18	41.4	52.3
260	267.4	254.4	0.442	8.18	41.2	52.0
270	271.8	250.0	0.438	8.18	41.0	51.8

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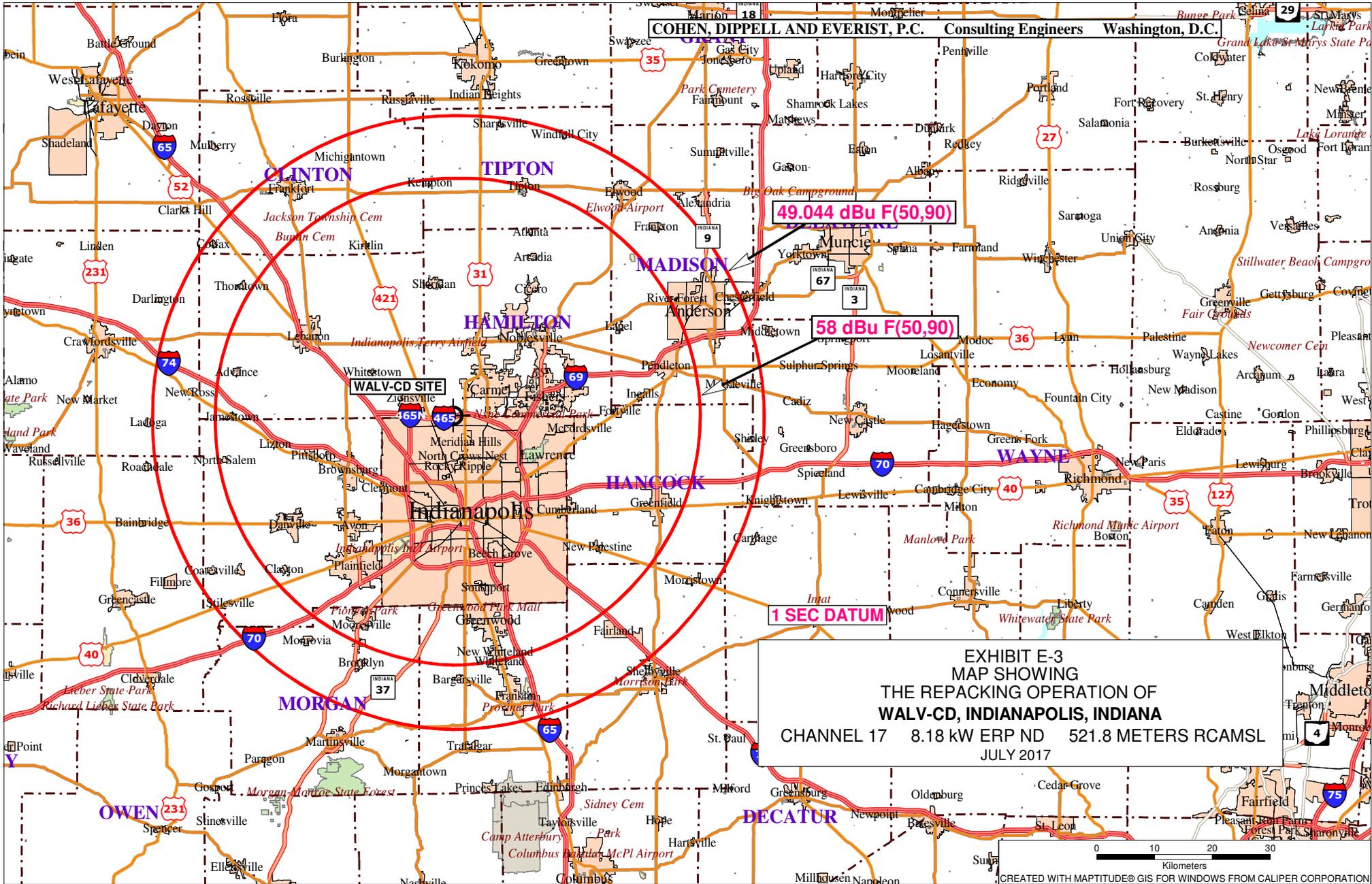
<u>Radial Bearing</u> (N ° E, T)	<u>Average*</u> <u>Elevation</u> <u>3.2 to 16.1 km</u> meters	<u>Effective Height</u> meters	<u>Depression Angle</u> degrees	<u>ERP At Radio Horizon</u> kW	<u>Distance to Contour F(50/90)</u>	
					<u>58 dBu</u> <u>City Grade</u> km	<u>49.044 dBu</u> <u>Noise-Limited</u> km
280	272.2	249.6	0.438	8.18	41.0	51.8
290	272.6	249.2	0.437	8.18	41.0	51.8
300	273.0	248.8	0.437	8.18	41.0	51.7
310	273.4	248.4	0.437	8.18	40.9	51.7
320	273.8	248.0	0.436	8.18	40.9	51.7
330	274.3	247.5	0.436	8.18	40.9	51.7
340	274.7	247.1	0.435	8.18	40.9	51.6
350	275.1	246.7	0.435	8.18	40.8	51.6

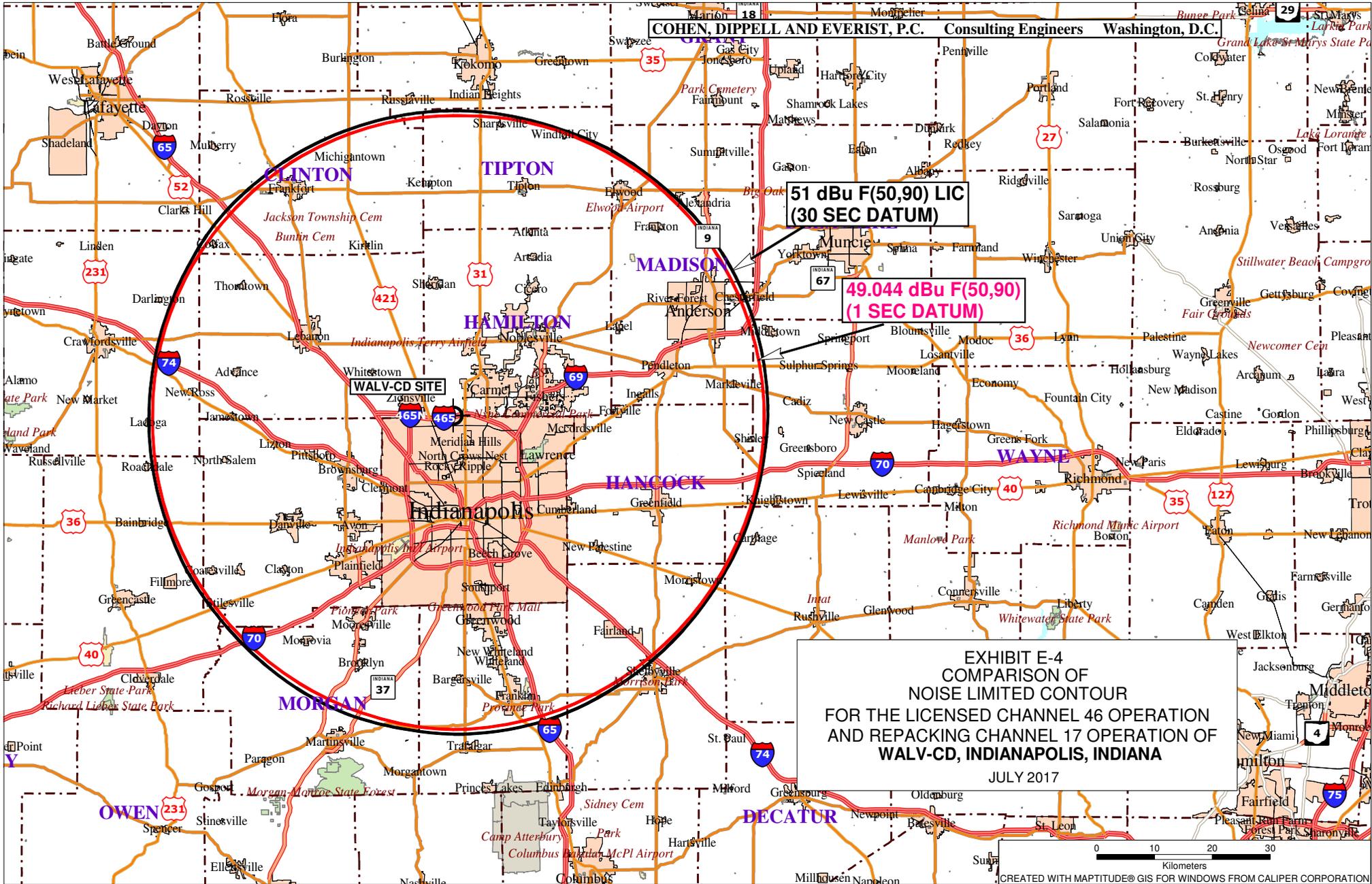
\*Based on data from FCC one-second data base.

DTV Channel 17 (488-494 MHz)  
 Average Elevation 3.2 to 16.1 km 253.6 meters AMSL  
 Center of Radiation 521.8 meters AMSL  
 Effective Radiated Power 8.18 kW (9.1 dBk) Max.

North Latitude: 39° 55' 43"  
 West Longitude: 86° 10' 55"

(NAD-27)





51 dBu F(50,90) LIC  
(30 SEC DATUM)

49.044 dBu F(50,90)  
(1 SEC DATUM)

EXHIBIT E-4  
COMPARISON OF  
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