

**TECHNICAL STATEMENT
B&C COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
WPAN 84 KW-DA 219 M HAAT CH. 31
FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA**

B&C Communications, LLC, the licensee of digital television station WPAN, Facility ID No. 31570, proposes construction of the WPAN post-auction facility on Channel 31. Reassignment from Channel 40 to Channel 31 was specified in the *Channel Reassignment Public Notice* (“CRPN”), DA 17-314, released on April 13, 2017. The licensee seeks authority to operate WPAN on the reassigned channel using a new directional antenna side mounted on the station’s current antenna-supporting structure at a significantly lower elevation than specified in the CRPN, which is a reduction that the tower owner is requiring. Because an increase in the assigned effective radiated power (ERP) is necessary to minimize coverage population and area loss, it is proposed that WPAN will operate on Channel 31 with 84 kW ERP at an antenna height of 125.3 meters above mean sea level (AMSL). A resultant antenna radiation center height above average terrain (HAAT) of 219 meters was calculated using the *TVStudy* analysis software.

As indicated above, the licensee proposes to replace the antenna that WPAN currently employs in order to accommodate the channel reassignment. The new antenna will be a horizontally polarized directional Dielectric Model TFU-10DSC P230 and a copy of the azimuth pattern is attached as Figure 1. This antenna has a directional pattern that is similar to WPAN’s licensed pattern, which was used by the FCC in reassigning this station to Channel 31. Although the licensee was unable to match the relative field values associated with the licensed pattern due to the change in frequency, the proposed operation at 84 kW ERP based on the new antenna pattern does not exceed the permissible contour coverage area as defined by the technical parameters specified in the CRPN in any direction. A side-by-side comparison of those coverage contour distances is provided in Figure 2. As stated before, no change in the antenna-supporting structure is proposed.¹

It should be noted that the TVStudy analysis results indicate that more than a 0.5 percent of new interference is predicted to WEIQ in Mobile, AL based on the baseline

¹ The geographic site coordinates of the license facility are 30-24-09.72 N, 86-59-34.87 W (NAD83). The licensed facility is associated with Antenna Structure Registration No. 1058824, which specifies the site coordinates as 30-24-13.4 N, 86-59-33.8 W (NAD83). The ASR site elevation is 11.0 meters AMSL.



parameters for its reassignment to Channel 30. Nevertheless, WPAN is entitled to serve the coverage area associated with its reassigned channel and, therefore, the licensee respectfully requests waivers of 47 CFR §§ 73.616 and 73.3700(b) in order to maintain its allotted coverage area.

The aforementioned antenna height of 125.3 meters AMSL was determined based on the ASR site elevation of 11.0 meters and the proposed height of the new antenna radiation center of 114.3 meters above ground level (AGL). Because the proposed facility will closely match the permissible contour established by the technical parameters in the CRPN, the resulting interference-free service population will not be less than 95 percent.²

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:

² The technical parameters specified in the CRPN result in an interference-free coverage area of 636,684 people and 11,997.6 sq.km. The proposed interference-free coverage area amounts to 623,116 people and 11,143.7 sq.km.

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."



Frequency :	572 - 578 MHz (UHF Channel 31)
Effective Radiated Power:	84 kW(H)
Antenna Type:	DIE TFU-10DSC P230
Antenna Polarization:	Horizontal
Antenna Height:	114.3 meters AGL
Location coordinates:	30-24-13.4 N, 86-59-33.8 W (NAD83)
Site elevation:	11.0 meters AMSL
Overall tower height:	217.3 meters AGL
FCC ASRN:	1058824; Construct in 1986

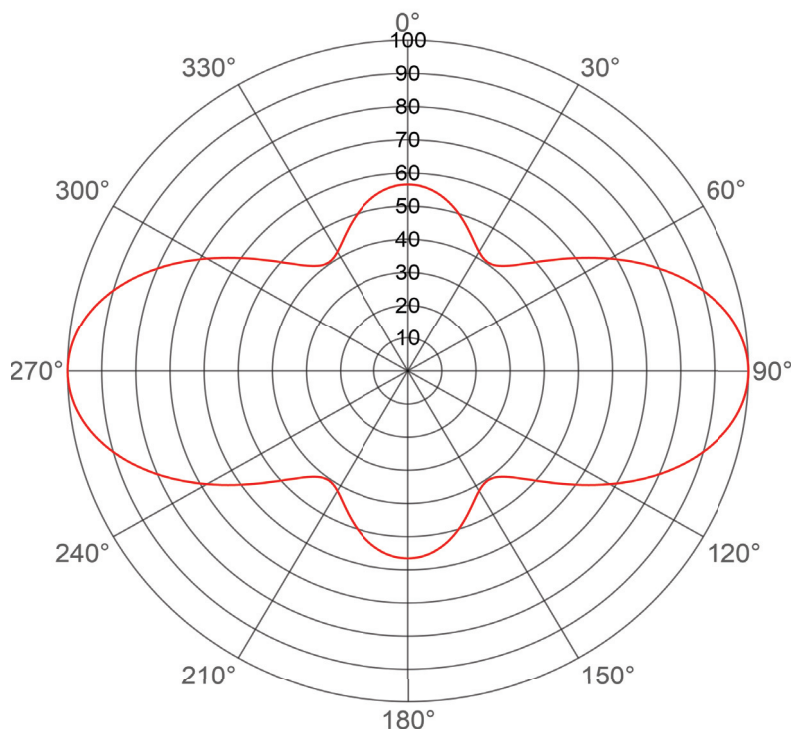
Using the methodology for predicting power density levels for television broadcast antennas outlined in *FCC OET Bulletin No. 65, Edition 97-01*, (OET-65), the proposed facility is calculated to produce a maximum power density of $2.23 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ at points 2 meters above ground (approximate human head height). This exposure level was determined using 10 percent antenna relative field, which is considered to be a typical value for UHF antennas. The maximum exposure limits applicable to Channel 31, as determined in accordance with 47 CFR § 1.1310 for uncontrolled and controlled situations, are $381 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ and $1,907 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ 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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Horizontal Polarization AZIMUTH PATTERN

Exhibit No. **C-70940**
Date **11 Jul 2017**
Call Letters **WPAN**
Channel **31**
Antenna Type **TFU-10DSC P230**
Location **Fort Walton Beach, FL**
Customer **B&C Communications**

Gain **2.3 (3.62 dB)**
Calculated
Drawing # **TFU-P230**

Deg	Value	Deg	Value	Deg	Value	Deg	Value	Deg	Value	Deg	Value	Deg	Value	Deg	Value	Deg	Value	Deg	Value
0	0.566	36	0.406	72	0.872	108	0.872	144	0.406	180	0.566	216	0.406	252	0.872	288	0.872	324	0.406
1	0.565	37	0.407	73	0.885	109	0.858	145	0.405	181	0.565	217	0.407	253	0.885	289	0.858	325	0.405
2	0.565	38	0.409	74	0.897	110	0.844	146	0.406	182	0.565	218	0.409	254	0.897	290	0.844	326	0.406
3	0.563	39	0.413	75	0.909	111	0.830	147	0.408	183	0.563	219	0.413	255	0.909	291	0.830	327	0.408
4	0.562	40	0.417	76	0.921	112	0.815	148	0.410	184	0.562	220	0.417	256	0.921	292	0.815	328	0.410
5	0.560	41	0.423	77	0.931	113	0.799	149	0.414	185	0.560	221	0.423	257	0.931	293	0.799	329	0.414
6	0.557	42	0.430	78	0.941	114	0.783	150	0.418	186	0.557	222	0.430	258	0.941	294	0.783	330	0.418
7	0.554	43	0.438	79	0.950	115	0.767	151	0.423	187	0.554	223	0.438	259	0.950	295	0.767	331	0.423
8	0.551	44	0.447	80	0.959	116	0.751	152	0.428	188	0.551	224	0.447	260	0.959	296	0.751	332	0.428
9	0.547	45	0.457	81	0.967	117	0.734	153	0.434	189	0.547	225	0.457	261	0.967	297	0.734	333	0.434
10	0.542	46	0.468	82	0.973	118	0.717	154	0.440	190	0.542	226	0.468	262	0.973	298	0.717	334	0.440
11	0.538	47	0.480	83	0.980	119	0.700	155	0.447	191	0.538	227	0.480	263	0.980	299	0.700	335	0.447
12	0.533	48	0.493	84	0.985	120	0.683	156	0.454	192	0.533	228	0.493	264	0.985	300	0.683	336	0.454
13	0.527	49	0.506	85	0.990	121	0.666	157	0.461	193	0.527	229	0.506	265	0.990	301	0.666	337	0.461
14	0.521	50	0.520	86	0.993	122	0.649	158	0.468	194	0.521	230	0.520	266	0.993	302	0.649	338	0.468
15	0.515	51	0.535	87	0.996	123	0.632	159	0.475	195	0.515	231	0.535	267	0.996	303	0.632	339	0.475
16	0.509	52	0.550	88	0.998	124	0.615	160	0.482	196	0.509	232	0.550	268	0.998	304	0.615	340	0.482
17	0.503	53	0.566	89	1.000	125	0.599	161	0.489	197	0.503	233	0.566	269	1.000	305	0.599	341	0.489
18	0.496	54	0.582	90	1.000	126	0.582	162	0.496	198	0.496	234	0.582	270	1.000	306	0.582	342	0.496
19	0.489	55	0.599	91	1.000	127	0.566	163	0.503	199	0.489	235	0.599	271	1.000	307	0.566	343	0.503
20	0.482	56	0.615	92	0.998	128	0.550	164	0.509	200	0.482	236	0.615	272	0.998	308	0.550	344	0.509
21	0.475	57	0.632	93	0.996	129	0.535	165	0.515	201	0.475	237	0.632	273	0.996	309	0.535	345	0.515
22	0.468	58	0.649	94	0.993	130	0.520	166	0.521	202	0.468	238	0.649	274	0.993	310	0.520	346	0.521
23	0.461	59	0.666	95	0.990	131	0.506	167	0.527	203	0.461	239	0.666	275	0.990	311	0.506	347	0.527
24	0.454	60	0.683	96	0.985	132	0.493	168	0.533	204	0.454	240	0.683	276	0.985	312	0.493	348	0.533
25	0.447	61	0.700	97	0.980	133	0.480	169	0.538	205	0.447	241	0.700	277	0.980	313	0.480	349	0.538
26	0.440	62	0.717	98	0.973	134	0.468	170	0.542	206	0.440	242	0.717	278	0.973	314	0.468	350	0.542
27	0.434	63	0.734	99	0.967	135	0.457	171	0.547	207	0.434	243	0.734	279	0.967	315	0.457	351	0.547
28	0.428	64	0.751	100	0.959	136	0.447	172	0.551	208	0.428	244	0.751	280	0.959	316	0.447	352	0.551
29	0.423	65	0.767	101	0.950	137	0.438	173	0.554	209	0.423	245	0.767	281	0.950	317	0.438	353	0.554
30	0.418	66	0.783	102	0.941	138	0.430	174	0.557	210	0.418	246	0.783	282	0.941	318	0.430	354	0.557
31	0.414	67	0.799	103	0.931	139	0.423	175	0.560	211	0.414	247	0.799	283	0.931	319	0.423	355	0.560
32	0.410	68	0.815	104	0.921	140	0.417	176	0.562	212	0.410	248	0.815	284	0.921	320	0.417	356	0.562
33	0.408	69	0.830	105	0.909	141	0.413	177	0.563	213	0.408	249	0.830	285	0.909	321	0.413	357	0.563
34	0.406	70	0.844	106	0.897	142	0.409	178	0.565	214	0.406	250	0.844	286	0.897	322	0.409	358	0.565
35	0.405	71	0.858	107	0.885	143	0.407	179	0.565	215	0.405	251	0.858	287	0.885	323	0.407	359	0.565

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FIGURE 2

BASELINE: DTVBL31570
CHANNEL: 31
ERP(KW): 28 575 MHz
RCAMSL (M): 222.0

CALLSIGN: WPAN
CHANNEL: 31
ERP(KW): 84
RCAMSL (M): 125.3

Az	BASELINE			PROPOSED			Extension
	ERP	HAAT	40.4 dBu	ERP	HAAT	40.4 dBu	
0	15.62	221.14	63.55	26.91	124.46	59.51	None
10	14.35	218.24	62.97	24.68	121.49	58.90	None
20	11.08	215.35	61.56	19.52	118.51	57.59	None
30	7.23	212.45	59.29	14.68	115.54	56.03	None
40	4.85	209.56	57.11	14.61	112.56	55.74	None
50	5.85	208.96	58.01	22.71	111.88	57.71	None
60	10.83	210.67	61.15	39.19	113.49	60.33	None
70	18.37	212.38	63.75	59.84	115.10	62.33	None
80	25.22	214.09	65.31	77.25	116.71	63.60	None
90	28.00	215.80	65.89	84.00	118.31	64.05	None
100	25.22	217.16	65.50	77.25	119.85	63.81	None
110	18.37	218.52	64.14	59.84	121.38	62.83	None
120	10.83	219.88	61.74	39.19	122.92	61.09	None
130	5.85	221.25	58.79	22.71	124.45	58.73	None
140	4.85	221.93	57.89	14.61	125.22	56.73	None
150	7.23	221.93	59.89	14.68	125.22	56.75	None
160	11.08	221.93	61.98	19.52	125.23	58.09	None
170	14.35	221.94	63.20	24.68	125.23	59.17	None
180	15.62	221.94	63.60	26.91	125.24	59.56	None
190	14.35	221.92	63.20	24.68	125.22	59.17	None
200	11.08	221.89	61.97	19.52	125.19	58.08	None
210	7.23	221.87	59.89	14.68	125.17	56.75	None
220	4.85	221.85	57.88	14.61	125.15	56.73	None
230	5.85	221.86	58.83	22.71	125.15	58.78	None
240	10.83	221.89	61.86	39.19	125.19	61.25	None
250	18.37	221.93	64.35	59.84	125.23	63.11	None
260	25.22	221.96	65.80	77.25	125.26	64.20	None
270	28.00	222.00	66.29	84.00	125.30	64.56	None
280	25.22	221.84	65.80	77.25	125.12	64.19	None
290	18.37	221.68	64.33	59.84	124.95	63.09	None
300	10.83	221.53	61.84	39.19	124.77	61.22	None
310	5.85	221.37	58.80	22.71	124.60	58.74	None
320	4.85	221.27	57.84	14.61	124.51	56.68	None
330	7.23	221.24	59.85	14.68	124.50	56.70	None
340	11.08	221.21	61.93	19.52	124.49	58.03	None
350	14.35	221.17	63.16	24.68	124.47	59.11	None