

Request for Waiver of Displacement Freeze

TV Translator Station W47DH-D, Clarks Summit, PA (Facility ID 167207)

Pursuant to *Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Set Forth Tools Available to LPTV/Translator Stations Displaced Prior to the Special Displacement Window* Public Notice, DA 17-584, MB Docket No. 16-306, GN Docket No. 12-268 (June 14, 2017), Northeastern Pennsylvania Educational Television Association (“NPETA”), licensee of noncommercial educational TV translator Station W47DH-D, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, respectfully requests a waiver of the current freeze on the filing of translator displacement applications.¹ This application seeks to change TV translator station W47DH-D to channel 29 due to displacement by T-Mobile’s impending use of the 600 MHz band.

NPETA is filing this channel 29 displacement modification application to seek relief for W47DH-D following receipt of a notification letter from T-Mobile regarding its planned use of the 600 MHz band (copy attached). T-Mobile’s letter indicates that it will commence its operations in the W47DH-D market by April 20, 2018 and that W47DH-D is likely to cause harmful interference to T-Mobile’s operations. In the June 14, 2017 Public Notice referenced above, the FCC set forth tools for use by TV translators such as W47DH-D displaced by 600 MHz band wireless operations, including the filing of a displacement permit application/freeze waiver application such as this, accompanied by an STA application (which NPETA will file concurrently).

NPETA respectfully submits that a waiver of the Displacement Freeze will serve the public interest by authorizing translator station W47DH-D to operate on its newly proposed and available channel despite the station’s displacement from its licensed channel due to the impending 600 MHz band wireless operations in its area. The waiver and grant of this application will allow NPETA to maintain broadcasts over this noncommercial educational translator to its local community while avoiding interference to T-Mobile operations. NPETA is a noncommercial educational licensee and operates W47DH-D on a noncommercial educational basis.

¹ See *Freeze on the Filing of Applications for Digital Replacement Translator Stations and Displacement Applications*, Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 6063 (MB 2014) (*Displacement Freeze Public Notice*).