

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY (STA)

LOW POWER TELEVISION STATION WRNT-LD

HARTFORD, CT

HC2 Station Group (HC2) seeks to continue operating WRNT-LD in Hartford, Connecticut, pursuant to special temporary authority (“STA”).

HC2 is the licensee of low-power digital television station WRNT-LD (FCC Facility ID 26336). The FCC granted WRNT-LD an STA to operate on channel 32 (LMS File No. 0000033773).

As noted in the initial STA application, allowing WRNT-LD to continue to operate on channel 32 alleviates extensive co-channel interference that the licensed facility on channel 48 had experienced (LMS No. 0000005512). The STA also allowed WRNT to provide a more robust signal over much of the market by use of a non-directional antenna pattern. Attached to this application are the engineering study submitted with the original STA and an engineering study on channel 32 performed as part of its due diligence for its filing during the Special Displacement Window¹ (LMS File No. 0000053149).

HC2 is filing a new STA for channel 32 so that it can continue to operate on channel 32 because the original STA recently expired March 26, 2018. While requests to extend an STA are to be sought prior to expiration, the delay in submission of this STA has not prejudiced any party. Furthermore, HC2 understands that grant of this request will be temporary, and that WRNT-LD may be required to terminate operations or seek another channel if the displacement application is not ultimately granted.

Granting this STA request serves the public interest by mitigating interference to other stations in the market while allowing WRNT-LD to continue to provide free, over-the-air television programming to viewers in the Hartford, Connecticut area.

¹ See Public Notice, *Incentive Auction Task Force and Media Bureau Announce Post-Incentive Auction Special Displacement Window*, DA 18-125 (rel. Feb. 9, 2018).