

ENGINEERING STATEMENT
SUPPORTING REQUEST FOR WAIVER
TELEVISION STATION WICD(TV)
(FACILITY ID NO. 25684)
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS
CHANNEL 32

Background

This statement was prepared on behalf of WICD Licensee, LLC, licensee of WICD, Champaign, IL, in support of a request for waiver of the FCC's Phase Assignment, Testing Period, and Phase Completion Date for television station WICD in the Champaign & Springfield-Decatur DMA^{*}. WICD is licensed for operation on RF Channel 41 with a maximum directional effective radiated power (ERP) of 950 kW and an antenna height above average terrain (HAAT) of 375 m.[†]

As a result of the FCC's Incentive Auction repack process, the WICD facility was reassigned to RF Channel 32. WICD holds a construction permit (C.P.) for operation on Channel 32 with a non-directional ERP of 1000 kW and an antenna HAAT of 396 m.[‡] An FCC engineering database summary sheet for the WICD C.P. facility is attached hereto for reference. This is the WICD early transition facility, which is the subject of the instant request.

In coordination with the wireless carrier T-Mobile, WICD Licensee, LLC seeks a waiver of the FCC's Phase Assignment, Testing Period, and Phase Completion Date to allow WICD to make the transition to Channel 32 earlier than its given phase transition date. Specifically, the target date for WICD to begin operations on Channel 32 is September 1, 2018. This will facilitate the early deployment of new 600 MHz band wireless broadband services.

This statement demonstrates that WICD C.P. facility can transition to Channel 32 before its assigned phase date without any disruption to the FCC's transition plans. Specifically, it is demonstrated that the operation of WICD on Channel 32 as authorized

^{*} Nielsen Designated Market Area abbreviated as DMA.

[†] See FCC File No. BLCDDT-20050620AAO.

[‡] See FCC File No. 0000034926.

in its C.P. will have no adverse interference consequences, either caused or received, under the current allocation environment.

Assigned Phase

WICD was assigned to transition Phase 7, with a testing begin date of October 19, 2019. This is based on the latest FCC Phase Assignment spreadsheet dated May 9, 2018.

Linked Station Sets and Linked Station Neighbor Stations

An inspection of the latest FCC Linked Station Set (LSS) and Linked Station Neighbor (LSN) spreadsheet databases indicates that the WICD facility is not part of any LSSs or LSNs. These are based on the latest LSS and LSN spreadsheets available from the FCC, both dated May 9, 2018.

Interference Caused Analysis Under Current Allocation Environment

An interference analysis was conducted for the WICD Channel 32 C.P. facility utilizing the latest version[§] of the FCC's *TVStudy* coverage and interference analysis prediction software. The report of the results is attached hereto entitled 'Interference Caused Analysis for WICD(TV) Channel 32 C.P. Facility Under Current Allocation Environment.'

The results of the analysis indicate that there are no cases of outgoing (caused) interference exceeding the 0.5% permissible interference level to any other protected full-power or Class A television stations now operating.

Interference Received Analysis Under Current Allocation Environment

An interference analysis specifically for the 'received case' of interference was conducted for the WICD Channel 32 early transition facility utilizing the FCC's *TVStudy* prediction software. The report of the results is attached hereto entitled 'Interference Received Analysis for WICD(TV) Channel 32 C.P. Facility Under Current Allocation

[§] *TVStudy* Version 2.2.5

Environment.’ The purpose of this study is to evaluate all current environment records in the received interference analysis.

The results of the analysis indicate that there are no cases of incoming (received) interference exceeding the permissible 0.5% interference level to the WICD Channel 32 early transition facility.

Effects on Linked Station Sets

It has been determined that the early transition of the WICD facility to Channel 32 in advance of its phase transition date will not create any pairwise interference cases or new linked station sets as a result of interference caused cases.

Conclusion

It is concluded that the early transition of the WICD facility on Channel 32 as described herein, will not result in any interference caused or received cases that would result in the creation of any new linked station sets or dependencies established in the Incentive Auction repack process.



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TV Inquiry

WICD EARLY TRANSITION FACILITY

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Callsign: WICD **Service:** DT **Status:** CP MOD **App. Status:** GRANT **Border Code:** **Rec. Type:** C
Channel: 32 **Offset:** **Zone:** 1 **Docket Number:** **DTV Type:** POSTTRAN
Fac. ID: 25684 **Assoc. ID:** **Application File No.:** BLANK-0000034392 **DT Emission Mask:**
City: CHAMPAIGN **State:** IL **Country:** US **CP Expiration Date:**
Party Name: WICD LICENSEE, LLC **Last Change Date:** 3/13/2018

Latitude (NAD 83): 40-04-10 **Height AGL (m):** 399 **Polarization:** E
Longitude (NAD 83): 087-54-46 **Overall Height AGL (m):** 407.8 **Electrical Tilt (°):** 1
ERP (kW): 1000 **Mechanical Tilt (°):**
Maximum ERP (kW): **Mechanical Tilt Azimuth (°):**
Maximum ERP (dBk): 30 **Degrees True (°):**
Maximum ERP at any Angle (kW): **Antenna Make:**
RCAMSL (m): 600.5 **Antenna Model:**
Site Elevation AMSL (m): 201.5
HAAT (m): 396
Maximum HAAT (m):

Antenna Type: N **Antenna ID:** 1002287 **Rotation (°):** 0

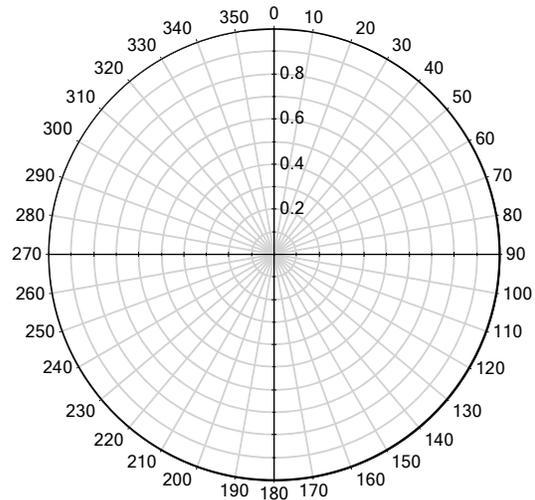
0° 1.000	90° 1.000	180° 1.000	270° 1.000
10° 1.000	100° 1.000	190° 1.000	280° 1.000
20° 1.000	110° 1.000	200° 1.000	290° 1.000
30° 1.000	120° 1.000	210° 1.000	300° 1.000
40° 1.000	130° 1.000	220° 1.000	310° 1.000
50° 1.000	140° 1.000	230° 1.000	320° 1.000
60° 1.000	150° 1.000	240° 1.000	330° 1.000
70° 1.000	160° 1.000	250° 1.000	340° 1.000
80° 1.000	170° 1.000	260° 1.000	350° 1.000

Standard Pattern:

Antenna Make: DIE
Antenna Model: TFU-28GTH

Last Change Date:

Note: Rotation or tilt is not applied to the pattern shown



Type: TOWER	ASRN: 1036562	FAA Study No.: 65-OE-4	Structure Height (m): 390.2
Latitude (NAD 27): 040-04-09.9	Date Received: 01/11/2017	Structure Height (ft): 1280.2	
Longitude (NAD 27): 087-54-45.9	Date Entered: 01/11/2017	Ground Elevation (m): 201.5	
Latitude (NAD 83): 40-04-10.0	Date Issued: 01/11/2017	Ground Elevation (ft): 661.1	
Longitude (NAD 83): 087-54-46.0	Date Constructed: 03/21/1995	Overall Height AGL (m): 407.8	
Struct. Address:	Date Dismantled:	Overall Height AGL (ft): 1337.9	
1.5 MILES EAST AND 1 MILE NORTH		Overall Height AMSL (m): 609.3	
HORNER	IL	Overall Height AMSL (ft): 1999.0	

Entity Name: WICD Licensee, LLC

INTERFERENCE CAUSED ANALYSIS FOR WICD(TV) CHANNEL 32 C.P. FACILITY UNDER CURRENT ALLOCATION ENVIRONMENT

tvstudy v2.2.5 (4uoc83)

Database: localhost, Study: wicd32e3, Model: Longley-Rice

Study build station data: LMS TV 2018-05-15

Proposal: WICD D32 DT CP CHAMPAIGN, IL
File number: BLANK0000034392
Facility ID: 25684
Station data: LMS TV 2018-05-15
Record ID: 25076f915f0d91b4015f20c8515525af
Country: U.S.
Zone: I

Build options:

Protect pre-transition records not on baseline channel

Search options:

All post-transition APP, CP, and baseline records excluded

Individual records excluded:

20110706ABJ WNDY-TV D32 DT LIC MARION, IN BLCDT20110706ABJ

Stations potentially affected by proposal:

IX	Call	Chan	Svc	Status	City, State	File Number	Distance
No	WFLD	D31	DT	LIC	CHICAGO, IL	BLCDT20090223ABV	202.5 km
No	WANE-TV	D31	DT	LIC	FORT WAYNE, IN	BLCDT20090622ACE	257.2
No	KDNL-TV	D31	DT	LIC	ST. LOUIS, MO	BLCDT20021216AAE	265.6
No	WMEU-CD	D32	DC	LIC	CHICAGO, IL	BLDTA20131212ABK	202.5
Yes	WTJR	D32	DT	LIC	QUINCY, IL	BLCDT20091110ADL	290.9
Yes	WPSD-TV	D32	DT	LIC	PADUCAH, KY	BLCDT20040227ABD	333.0
Yes	WIFS	D32	DT	LIC	JANESVILLE, WI	BLCDT20040930BHL	356.3

No non-directional AM stations found within 0.8 km

No directional AM stations found within 3.2 km

Record parameters as studied:

Channel: D32

Latitude: 40 4 10.00 N (NAD83)
Longitude: 87 54 46.00 W
Height AMSL: 600.5 m
HAAT: 396.0 m
Peak ERP: 1000 kW
Antenna: Omnidirectional
Elev Pattn: Generic
Elec Tilt: 1.00

40.5 dBu contour:

Azimuth	ERP	HAAT	Distance
0.0 deg	1000 kW	394.7 m	106.8 km
45.0	1000	399.0	107.2
90.0	1000	403.0	107.6
135.0	1000	393.2	106.7
180.0	1000	395.0	106.8
225.0	1000	393.4	106.7
270.0	1000	397.4	107.1
315.0	1000	395.2	106.8

ERP exceeds maximum

ERP: 1000 kW ERP maximum: 893 kW

Distance to Canadian border: 452.7 km

Distance to Mexican border: 1676.0 km

Conditions at FCC monitoring station: Allegan MI

Bearing: 29.4 degrees Distance: 325.8 km

Proposal is not within the West Virginia quiet zone area

INTERFERENCE CAUSED ANALYSIS FOR WICD(TV) CHANNEL 32 C.P. FACILITY UNDER CURRENT ALLOCATION ENVIRONMENT

Conditions at Table Mountain receiving zone:
Bearing: 276.0 degrees Distance: 1469.4 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%

Interference to BLCDT20091110ADL LIC scenario 1

	Call	Chan	Svc	Status	City, State	File Number	Distance			
Desired:	WTJR	D32	DT	LIC	QUINCY, IL	BLCDT20091110ADL				
Undesireds:	WICD	D32	DT	CP	CHAMPAIGN, IL	BLANK0000034392	290.9 km			
	KTVO	D33	DT	APP	KIRKSVILLE, MO	BPCDT20130206ADL	113.0			
	Service area	Terrain-limited		IX-free, before		IX-free, after		Percent New IX		
	26378.3	334,527	26279.0	334,221	26266.9	334,203	26170.8	333,954	0.37	0.07
Undesired			Total IX	Unique IX, before		Unique IX, after				
WICD D32 DT CP	96.1		249			96.1		249		
KTVO D33 DT APP	12.0		18	12.0		12.0		18		

Interference to BLCDT20091110ADL LIC scenario 2

	Call	Chan	Svc	Status	City, State	File Number	Distance			
Desired:	WTJR	D32	DT	LIC	QUINCY, IL	BLCDT20091110ADL				
Undesireds:	WICD	D32	DT	CP	CHAMPAIGN, IL	BLANK0000034392	290.9 km			
	KTVO	D33	DT	APP	KIRKSVILLE, MO	BLANK0000035797	113.0			
	Service area	Terrain-limited		IX-free, before		IX-free, after		Percent New IX		
	26378.3	334,527	26279.0	334,221	26042.3	332,838	25946.2	332,589	0.37	0.07
Undesired			Total IX	Unique IX, before		Unique IX, after				
WICD D32 DT CP	96.1		249			96.1		249		
KTVO D33 DT APP	236.7		1,383	236.7		236.7		1,383		

Interference to BLCDT20091110ADL LIC scenario 3

	Call	Chan	Svc	Status	City, State	File Number	Distance			
Desired:	WTJR	D32	DT	LIC	QUINCY, IL	BLCDT20091110ADL				
Undesireds:	WICD	D32	DT	CP	CHAMPAIGN, IL	BLANK0000034392	290.9 km			
	KTVO	D33	DT	LIC	KIRKSVILLE, MO	BLCDT20030604AAC	113.0			
	Service area	Terrain-limited		IX-free, before		IX-free, after		Percent New IX		
	26378.3	334,527	26279.0	334,221	26270.9	334,203	26174.9	333,954	0.37	0.07
Undesired			Total IX	Unique IX, before		Unique IX, after				
WICD D32 DT CP	96.1		249			96.1		249		
KTVO D33 DT LIC	8.0		18	8.0		8.0		18		

Interference to BLCDT20040227ABD LIC scenario 1

	Call	Chan	Svc	Status	City, State	File Number	Distance			
Desired:	WPSD-TV	D32	DT	LIC	PADUCAH, KY	BLCDT20040227ABD				
Undesireds:	WICD	D32	DT	CP	CHAMPAIGN, IL	BLANK0000034392	333.0 km			
	WAAY-TV	D32	DT	LIC	HUNTSVILLE, AL	BLCDT20050701ABO	350.7			
	WTJR	D32	DT	LIC	QUINCY, IL	BLCDT20091110ADL	370.2			
	Service area	Terrain-limited		IX-free, before		IX-free, after		Percent New IX		
	40909.3	883,812	40356.0	878,287	40232.3	875,819	39978.9	872,529	0.63	0.38

INTERFERENCE CAUSED ANALYSIS FOR WICD(TV) CHANNEL 32 C.P. FACILITY UNDER CURRENT ALLOCATION ENVIRONMENT

Undesired		Total IX	Unique IX, before	Unique IX, after	
WICD D32 DT CP	257.4	3,505		253.5	3,290
WAAY-TV D32 DT LIC	107.8	2,148	107.8	2,148	2,148
WTJR D32 DT LIC	15.9	320	15.9	320	105

Interference to BLCDT20040930BHL LIC scenario 1

	Call	Chan	Svc	Status	City, State	File Number	Distance
Desired:	WIFS	D32	DT	LIC	JANESVILLE, WI	BLCDT20040930BHL	
Undesireds:	WICD	D32	DT	CP	CHAMPAIGN, IL	BLANK0000034392	356.3 km
	WMEU-CD	D32	DC	LIC	CHICAGO, IL	BLDTA20131212ABK	200.0
	WTJR	D32	DT	LIC	QUINCY, IL	BLCDT20091110ADL	374.9
	WFQX-TV	D32	DT	LIC	CADILLAC, MI	BLCDT20091217ACU	354.7
	WCCO-TV	D32	DT	LIC	MINNEAPOLIS, MN	BMLCDT20120907ABQ	367.5
	WITI	D33	DT	LIC	MILWAUKEE, WI	BLANK0000040653	129.2
	Service area		Terrain-limited		IX-free, before	IX-free, after	Percent New IX
25541.1	1,400,358		25202.0	1,397,144	25093.8	1,391,971	25085.9
							0.03

0.01

Undesired		Total IX	Unique IX, before	Unique IX, after	
WICD D32 DT CP	12.0	171		8.0	107
WMEU-CD D32 DC LIC	20.0	1,224	12.0	514	514
WTJR D32 DT LIC	4.0	64	0.0	0	0
WCCO-TV D32 DT LIC	40.2	374	40.2	374	374
WITI D33 DT LIC	51.9	4,221	47.9	3,575	3,575

Interference to BLCDT20040930BHL LIC scenario 2

	Call	Chan	Svc	Status	City, State	File Number	Distance
Desired:	WIFS	D32	DT	LIC	JANESVILLE, WI	BLCDT20040930BHL	
Undesireds:	WICD	D32	DT	CP	CHAMPAIGN, IL	BLANK0000034392	356.3 km
	WMEU-CD	D32	DC	LIC	CHICAGO, IL	BLDTA20131212ABK	200.0
	WTJR	D32	DT	LIC	QUINCY, IL	BLCDT20091110ADL	374.9
	WFQX-TV	D32	DT	APP	CADILLAC, MI	BLANK0000035809	354.7
	WCCO-TV	D32	DT	LIC	MINNEAPOLIS, MN	BMLCDT20120907ABQ	367.5
	WITI	D33	DT	LIC	MILWAUKEE, WI	BLANK0000040653	129.2
	Service area		Terrain-limited		IX-free, before	IX-free, after	Percent New IX
25541.1	1,400,358		25202.0	1,397,144	25089.9	1,391,830	25081.9
							0.03

0.01

Undesired		Total IX	Unique IX, before	Unique IX, after	
WICD D32 DT CP	12.0	171		8.0	107
WMEU-CD D32 DC LIC	20.0	1,224	12.0	514	514
WTJR D32 DT LIC	4.0	64	0.0	0	0
WFQX-TV D32 DT APP	4.0	141	4.0	141	141
WCCO-TV D32 DT LIC	40.2	374	40.2	374	374
WITI D33 DT LIC	51.9	4,221	47.9	3,575	3,575

INTERFERENCE RECEIVED ANALYSIS FOR WICD(TV) CHANNEL 32 C.P. FACILITY UNDER CURRENT ALLOCATION ENVIRONMENT

tvstudy v2.2.5 (4uoc83)

Database: localhost
 Station Data: LMS TV 2018-05-03
 Study: LMS180503
 Model: Longley-Rice
 Scenario: wicd32e3r

Desired station	Service area		Terrain-limited		Interference-free	
Undesired station	Total interference		Unique interference			
WICD D32 DT CP CHAMPAIGN, IL	35941.9	1,238,332	35905.8	1,237,046	35271.4	1,229,844
WFLD D31 DT LIC CHICAGO, IL	0.0	0	0.0		0	
WMEU-CD D32 DC LIC CHICAGO, IL	282.4	2,539	282.4		2,539	(0.21%)
WTJR D32 DT LIC QUINCY, IL	292.2	4,346	228.5		4,061	(0.33%)
WPSD-TV D32 DT LIC PADUCAH, KY	123.5	602	59.8		317	(0.03%)
WIFS D32 DT LIC JANESVILLE, WI	0.0	0	0.0		0	