

WXOD-LD, Wabasso, FL
Fac. ID No. 183693
DTV America Corporation

Request for Silent Special Temporary Authority

DTV America Corp. (“DTV America”) respectfully requests Special Temporary Authority (“STA”) for WXOD-LD to remain silent for a period of up to six months while it prepares to transition to its displacement channel 8 and accommodates the build of a permanent facility for WDOX-LD.

In an effort to maximize the efficiencies of colocation, DTV America plans to begin operating WDOX-LD at the same site as WXOD-LD, in order to meet the construction permit deadline of WDOX-LD. This is due to the resource-constrained environment resulting from the ongoing 600 MHz Incentive Auction repacking process.¹ In order for both stations to operate at the current site until then, a combiner is necessary, as there is only one antenna at the site. To procure and install a combiner that is needed only until April 12 is an inefficient use of scarce resources. Without an STA, DTV America would be forced to build the combined facility to operate on WXOD-LD’s current channel and then, soon after, to build a second facility to operate on the WXOD-LD’s displacement channel.

This STA is necessary to avoid the inefficiency and waste associated with building a second, duplicative broadcast facility that can only be used for a short period of time, i.e., until the repack Phase 2 deadline of April 12, 2019, when WXOD-LD must cease operations on its current channel.

In light of these constraints, DTV America has decided to dedicate the current antenna to the operation of WDOX-LD. All programming on WXOD-LD will be moved to WDOX-LD to minimize viewer disruption. Promptly upon completion of WXOD-LD’s facilities on its displacement channel, operations would resume. Moreover, granting this request would not implicate Section 312(g) of the Act, which allows silent station authorizations to 12 months.² In contrast, the STA requested here would be for a period of up to six months.

¹ See, e.g., *Incentive Auction Closing and Channel Reassignment Public Notice et al.*, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 2786 (MB 2017) (“*Channel Reassignment PN*”); *Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions*, Report and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 6597 ¶ 3 (2014).

² See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).