

Explanation Regarding Request for Extension of Silent STA

On March 20, 2019, West Central Ohio Broadcasting, Inc. ("West Central") notified the Commission that due to being displaced by T-Mobile, WAMS-LP ceased analog operation on Channel 38 and went silent. See Attachment A.

Construction of the tower that WAMS-LP will be located on is not yet complete, so the station is not yet able to begin operation on its post-repack channel. Accordingly, West Central requests a further extension of its current silent STA for an additional 180 days.

EXHIBIT A

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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW Room TW-B204
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Re: WAMS-LP, Minster/New Bremen, OH
FAC ID: 70612
West Central Ohio Broadcasting, Inc.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of West Central Ohio Broadcasting, Inc., licensee of WAMS-LP, Minster/New Bremen, Ohio, a request is made for a Silent STA beginning on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 11:58 pm for the reasons cited below.

Current

WAMS-LP (formerly WLMO-LP) operates on Channel 38 at an existing site under special temporary authority¹ ("STA") for Federal Communications Commission letter dated December 4, 2018 and extended to June 10, 2019. Subsequently, in accordance with FCC Rule, Section 73.3700(g)(4), T-Mobile on November 14, 2018 sent a letter that 120-day advance notification was being given to WAMS-LP.

West Central Ohio Broadcasting, Inc. filed and was granted a construction permit for digital operation on Channel 29 (FCC File No. 0000054301) at a new site. For the WAMS-LP buildout, RF equipment has been ordered and other details with the proposed site are being addressed.

Therefore, despite the best efforts to provide continuity of service, the digital construction permit buildout continues and a silent STA for a period up to 180 days is hereby requested. WAMS-LP will cease operation on March 21, 2019 at 11:58 pm.

¹The STA permits continued analog operation on Channel 38 with a directional ERP of 5.3 kW directional at an RC/AMSL of 313.5 meters.

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If there should be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald G. Everist", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the left.

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