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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
9050 Junction Drive
Annapolis Junction, MD 20701

Via Overnight Delivery

Attention: Media Bureau, Video Division

Re: WTAE-TV (FIN 65681), Pittsburgh, PA
DRT Notification of Operation with Temporary Facilities

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Sections 73.1615, 74.780, and 74.789 of the Commission's Rules, this letter shall serve, on behalf of Hearst Stations Inc. (the "Licensee"), licensee of WTAE-TV, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (Facility ID No. 65681) ("WTAE-TV" or the "Station"), as notification that it has become technically impossible to operate WTAE-TV's Digital Replacement Translator ("DRT") at its licensed parameters. WTAE-TV's DRT facility is operating at variance from its licensed parameters with temporary facilities.

WTAE-TV has a minor modification construction permit for its DRT facility. *See* LMS File No. 0000058307. During the course of constructing the authorized modified facility, the Licensee had the antenna for its current licensed DRT facility removed, in anticipation of promptly transitioning to the new antenna for the modified DRT facility. In connection with this work, WTAE-TV engineering personnel became aware that the Station's vendors made an installation error with the antenna and mounts for the new modified facility, meaning the new antenna could not be immediately deployed for use. The Licensee promptly began working with its vendors to address and correct the error. However, as a result of removing the old antenna, DRT operations went silent for a brief time, consistent with the Commission's Rules. To continue program service, the Licensee was able to return DRT operations, albeit at variance from its licensed parameters. At this time WTAE-TV's DRT facility is operating using the transmitter for the current licensed (old) DRT facility and the new antenna, with new antenna pattern, for the modified DRT facility, and it is operating at reduced power, approximately 7.5 kW ERP (50% of authorized power for the authorized modified facility).

As of the date of this letter, the Licensee is still awaiting an installation date for the new transmitter for the authorized modified facility. The Licensee anticipates the installation will occur

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within 30 days. However, if the Licensee is required to continue operation at variance from its licensed parameters as described herein beyond 30 days, Special Temporary Authority will be requested.

If any questions should arise during the course of your consideration of this matter, it is respectfully requested that you communicate with this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Spainhour", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elizabeth Spainhour
Counsel to Hearst Stations Inc.

cc: Hossein Hashemzadeh, FCC (via email)