

Off-Air Notification and Request for Special Temporary Authority Exhibit

B&C Communications, LLC (“B&C”), licensee of full power television station WPAN(TV), Fort Walton Beach, Florida (Facility ID No. 31570, “WPAN”), hereby notifies the Commission that it has permanently ceased operations on its pre-auction Channel 40 on Saturday, October 19, 2019, and requests special temporary authority (“STA”) for WPAN to remain silent for up to six (6) months, pending construction of its authorized repack Channel 21 facilities.

B&C has had an ongoing legal dispute with the owner of the tower at WPAN’s licensed pre-auction Channel 40 site, and as a result has taken WPAN off-the-air pending completion of construction of its authorized repack Channel 21 facilities (LMS File No. 0000029983, the “Repack Ch. 21 Permit”), which are included in repack transition Phase 7 and due to be completed by no later than Friday, January 17, 2020.

Therefore, the above circumstances being considered, B&C respectfully requests STA for WPAN to be silent, until the construction of its Repack Ch. 21 Permit facilities can be completed and WPAN can return to the air. The public interest would be served by grant of this request, since WPAN could not continue to operate on Channel 40 at the licensed site, and going silent now also benefits the forward auction winner for use of the Channel 40 spectrum in WPAN’s coverage area, T-Mobile USA, Inc.