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RE: Statement with Amended 2020 Quarter 1 - Transition Progress Report

On April 2, 2020, WMDT submitted its 387 first quarter transition progress report to indicate the station would not be able to transition on time and would not meet the phase 9 transition deadline. At the time, the station's legal team had submitted its request to change from phase 9 to phase 10. The phase change request was granted a few hours after the 387 had been submitted. We had not anticipated such a rapid response on the request when the 387 was submitted. We have been further flummoxed by issues surrounding the COVID-19 virus.

In order to protect the health of their employees as well as staff and management of WMDT, the tower company contracted to install the antenna and transmission line is voluntarily complying with existing Federal guidelines, and State and Local restrictions on non-essential travel. As these restrictions last through April 30, 2020, we are still presented with uncertainty as to whether the station can meet the July 3, 2020, phase 10 transition deadline. In spite of the uncertainty regarding future travel restrictions related to the COVID-19 virus, we are being optimistic that we will meet that deadline. We remain hopeful there will be increased clarity in this regard by the time the 10-week prior to transition deadline schedule 387 is due on April 24, 2020.

It should be noted that at present, WMDT operates on channel 47, which is not in the post-repack broadcast spectrum. Therefore, no other television stations are impacted by the station's inability to transition.

Thank you,

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