

Notification of Reduced Power Operations and Request for STA

The University of North Carolina's ("UNC") channel 35 translator serving Burnsville, North Carolina (W35CO-D) is operating at reduced power at the parameters described in the technical portion of this STA application.¹ The cause of the reduced power operation is for the short-term mitigation of interference that is occurring with a number of VHF two-way radio repeater receivers located in close proximity to the W35CO-D transmission site. It is believed that it will require more than 30 days to more thoroughly investigate this interference problem and implement a long-term solution. For that reason, UNC is respectfully submitting this notification of reduced power operations and a request for STA.

Accordingly, the licensee requests STA to continue to operate at reduced power until we can (i) definitively determine whether and how the channel 35 translator is contributing to the interference, and (ii) if necessary, implement an effective, long-term remedy to the reported interference. Grant of this request is in the public interest because it maintains service of W35CO-D (albeit at reduced power).

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¹ UNC recognizes that it should have notified the Commission by October 7 of the reduced power operation. To the extent deemed necessary, we respectfully request a waiver of the filing deadline on the grounds that the degree to which this notification is late-filed is de minimis.