

Adherence to Minimum Operating Schedule

Polnet Communications Ltd (“Polnet”), reported in its original STA request for silent STA that upon purchasing the station it rented the equipment from the seller. However, the equipment was repossessed by the owner of the equipment and Polnet had no recourse. Until new equipment could be purchased, the station went silent. Polnet was also in the process of converting its facility to digital. So rather than purchase new analog equipment, it decided to wait until it could operate with digital facilities. In order to get back on the air during the renewal period, Polnet was forced to use rented equipment when available.

In anticipation of its digital conversion, Polnet purchased a \$100,000. Larcan Maximum Transmitter and a \$100,000 Dielectric antenna for the pre- auction channel 30. Polnet also contracted for tower space. Then the auction news arrived. Polnet stopped all forward construction awaiting the outcome of the spectrum auction. As it turns out the UHF equipment that had been purchased to facilitate the UHF Channel 30 construction permit became obsolete when Station WPVS was displaced to VHF Channel 9 in 2018.

This process of converting caused further delay in acquiring the equipment for permanent facilities. Finally at the end of 2019, the station was able to restore service permanently and has continued to operate continuously for the past 2 years.

The timeline for suspending and restoring service is attached.

Although Polnet has made extensive efforts to operate the station with permanent facilities, Polnet has an application pending to assign the license. The assignee has a good record of operating LPTV stations and therefore the public interest would be served by approving the renewal application and the sale of this station to a new owner.