

**WYSJ-CD, YORKTOWN, VA (FACILITY ID 35134)**  
**WJHJ-LD, NEWPORT NEWS, ETC., VA (FACILITY ID 35137)**

**Request for Silent STA**

WVEC Television, LLC (“Licensee”), licensee of WYSJ-CD and WJHJ-LD (the “Stations”), hereby requests authority for the Stations to remain silent for up to six months, through October 20, 2023, while Licensee works to coordinate the Stations’ return to service with the anticipated modification of the Stations’ facilities and those of co-owned station WVEC, Hampton, Virginia.

Licensee consummated its acquisition of the Stations on March 21, 2023.<sup>1</sup> Because Licensee’s acquisition of the Stations did not include acquisition of the prior licensee’s programming contracts for the Stations, the Stations went temporarily silent upon consummation of the transaction to allow Licensee to plan for the Stations’ new operations. Licensee acquired the Stations as part of its broader effort to improve local viewers’ over-the-air reception of WVEC by moving WVEC from Channel 11 to Channel 35.<sup>2</sup> The Commission has approved WVEC’s channel change petition, which requires relocating WYSJ-CD to be co-located with WVEC in order to eliminate otherwise prohibited interference.<sup>3</sup> Licensee has received a construction permit to relocate WYSJ-CD<sup>4</sup> and has filed a minor modification application for a construction permit to build out WVEC’s Channel 35 facility.<sup>5</sup> In addition, because WJHJ-LD operates on adjacent Channel 34, Licensee will need to either obtain a construction permit to

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<sup>1</sup> See File Nos. 0000212841 and 0000212842.

<sup>2</sup> See *Television Broadcasting Services, Hampton, Virginia*, Final Rule, 88 Fed. Reg. 18072 (March 27, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> File No. 0000188559.

<sup>5</sup> File No. 0000214052.

relocate WJHJ-LD or file a displacement application for a new channel in order for WJHJ-LD to continue long-term operation after WVEC begins service on Channel 35.

Licensee is actively working to determine whether it is feasible to relocate the Stations to new permanent facilities in the near term (subject to Commission approval with respect to WJHJ-LD), thus avoiding the need to expend resources on enabling Licensee to monitor and deliver programming to the Stations at their existing facilities on an interim basis. Accordingly, Licensee requests authority for the Stations to remain temporarily silent while Licensee determines the most efficient plan for restoring the Stations to long-term service.