

DTV Auxiliary Construction Permit
UNIMAS CHICAGO LLC
WXFT-DT, Aurora, IL
Channel Sharing Guest (Sharee) of WLS-TV CH 22

WXFT-DT, Facility ID No. 60539, Aurora, Illinois (“WXFT”), presently holds a license to operate on channel 44 pursuant to a channel sharing agreement with WLS-TV, Facility ID No. 73226, Chicago, Illinois (“WLS” and with WXFT, the “Sharing Partners”).¹ As a result of the FCC’s Incentive Auction, WLS – and WXFT as its channel sharing guest – was repacked to channel 22.² The Sharing Partners timely ceased operations on channel 44 at the end of Phase 6, and are now broadcasting with the auxiliary facility at Willis Tower authorized by the FCC on October 5, 2021.³ The LMS records for WXFT, however, do not reflect WXFT as operating on channel 22 but instead lists WXFT as “licensed and silent” on channel 44. Accordingly, the instant application is being submitted for a construction permit for an auxiliary facility at Willis Tower for WXFT that matches that of WLS.⁴ Upon grant of the instant application, WXFT will file a license to cover the channel 22 construction permit for an auxiliary facility at Willis Tower.

¹ See LMS File No. 0000037211.

² See LMS File No. 0000034300 (construction permit to operate main facility on channel 22). See also LMS File No. 0000213354 (requesting to toll channel 22 main facility construction permit and explaining that WLS channel shares with WXFT, Facility ID No. 60539).

³ See LMS File No. 0000160938. See also LMS File No. 0000213354 at note 1 (explaining that WLS channel shares with WXFT, Facility ID No. 60539); Facility Details for WLS, available at <https://enterpriseefiling.fcc.gov/dataentry/public/tv/publicFacilityDetails.html?facilityId=73226>.

⁴ As currently configured, LMS does not allow the Applicant to edit the proposed channel of operation on the FCC Form 2100. As filed, the FCC Form 2100 incorrectly shows Channel 44 as the proposed channel of operation. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Video Division change the Channel and Facility Information – DTX Channel – from 44 to 22 on the accompanying FCC Form 2100.