

GENERAL EXHIBIT

WNET, licensee of Class A television station WMBQ-CD, New York, New York, Fac Id. No. 14322, has received authority to modify the WMBQ-CD facilities to enter into a new channel sharing agreement with Station WLIW, Garden City, NY, Fac ID No. 38336, which is also licensed to WNET. See File No. 0000210410 granted February 9, 2023. As WNET explained in its minor modification application, WNET is planning to convert Station WLIW to ATSC 3.0 (NextGen TV) and, as part of the conversion, WNET intends to convert Station WMBQ-CD to ATSC 3.0 and to broadcast the station's programming in 3.0 on WLIW. WNET anticipates that the conversion of WLIW and WMBQ-CD to ATSC 3.0 will occur on during the second half of October 2023.

To ensure that the new channel share for WMBQ is licensed in sufficient time for the filing and processing of the WLIW and WMBQ license modification applications for conversion to NextGen TV, at the request of Commission staff, WNET is filing the instant application requesting a license for WMBQ-CD reflecting that it is commencing a new channel share with Station WLIW on Channel 32. Following grant of this application, WNET will file a license modification application for WLIW to reflect a channel share with WMBQ-CD, and after that application is granted, WNET will file the ATSC 3.0 applications for WLIW and WMBQ-CD.

Because the instant application is part of a multi-step application process needed to permit the channel sharing changes and ultimate conversion of WLIW and WMBQ-CD to ATSC 3.0, WNET respectfully requests expedited processing of the instant application.