

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Metro TV, Inc.
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Metro TV, Inc. (“Metro”) is Licensee of WVOA-LD, Westvale, NY (Fac. ID 14319) and operates on VHF channel 6 with ATSC 1.0 modulation. As with 13 other channel 6 LPTV stations across the United States, WVOA-LD has been approved for FM6 operations on a permanent basis.¹

Metro, uniquely, was authorized a later start date for WVOA-LD than the other FM6 stations due to international coordination matters, and ultimately must commence FM6 operations no later than December 22, 2023, in conjunction with its conversion of WVOA-LD to ATSC 3.0 modulation.² Because of WVOA-LD’s unique situation, it was also instructed by the Commission to request an STA to re-commence its FM6 operations. This request is submitted pursuant to that instruction of the Commission.

Metro employs a SYES/Comtech transmitter capable of ATSC 3.0 and FM6, and is ready to commence ATSC 3.0/FM6 operations complying with all of the rules and regulations specified in the Commission’s Fifth Report and Order, including those conditions specific to WVOA-LD.³ Specific conditions stated for WVOA-LD will require that the station file status reports of interference disclosing whether it has received any complaints of interference after 90 and 180 days of operation, and then upon extension of the initial STA, if granted, one final status report to be filed within five days of expiration of the STA extension, as well as a statement of whether WVOA-LD intends to continue to provide FM6 service on a permanent basis.

¹ ATSC 3.0 minimum bandwidth (5.509 MHz), plus an additional analog FM carrier at 87.75 MHz. (See Footnote 41, FCC 23-58, MB Docket No. 03-185) released July 20, 2023.

² See DA 23-775, released August 29, 2023.

³ See Paragraph 28 of FCC 23-58 (*supra*)

In summary, Metro looks forward to reestablishing WVOA-LD's FM6 service to the community at large and respectfully requests Special Temporary Authority so that it may continue to provide distinctive programming as it has in the past during its 11 years of operation.