

Off-Air Notification and Request for Silent STA

Philadelphia Television Network, Inc. (“PTNI”), licensee of low power television (“LPTV”) station WFGD-LD, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (FCC Facility ID No. 167606, “WFGD”), hereby notifies the Commission that WFGD was taken off the air on Saturday, January 6, 2024, and respectfully requests special temporary authority (“STA”) for the station to remain silent for up to six months.

The owner of WFGD’s tower site is relocating the transmitter and related equipment of WFGD (and other stations using the tower) from the portion of its existing building to a new, adjacent structure being built to house such equipment, freeing up space in the existing building for other uses, and as part of starting of that process, WFGD had to be taken off the air temporarily. Depending on the building owner’s time frame, PTNI anticipates putting WFGD back on the air with either the existing temporary digital Ch. 21 facilities with which WFGD has been operating for a few years now, see LMS File No. 0000093778, as most recently extended by LMS File No. 0000216867, current extension request pending in LMS File No. 0000233539, or, if repack reimbursement funds are received in time, with its permanent digital displacement Ch. 21 facilities as authorized by its construction permit, see LMS File No. 0000062985 (the “Permit”, which now after granted tolling should expire on August 27, 2025).

Grant of the STA for the WFGD to remain silent would serve the public interest, by facilitating the station’s transition to its post-spectrum auction repack and displacement Ch. 21 facilities, while accommodating its tower site owner’s change of the transmitter room location at the site.