

Hosting Arrangements Exhibit

WSOC Television, LLC (“CMG”), licensee of WAXN-TV, Kannapolis, North Carolina (Facility ID 12793; RF Channel 32), is filing this application to modify WAXN’s NextGen license to include its non-primary video programming streams (multicast streams) that are aired as “guest” streams on “host” stations as part of the ATSC 3.0 transition. CMG does not propose to change the WAXN primary stream simulcast host or multicast stream hosts from what was previously authorized (*see* FCC File Numbers 0000146859 and 0000146864, as extended).

WAXN currently serves as an ATSC 3.0 lighthouse station. On June 15, 2021, WAXN transitioned its primary ATSC 1.0 independent programming to WBTV(TV) (Facility ID No. 30826), owned by Gray Television Licensee, LLC. Additionally, to ensure no loss of over-the-air programming to the public, CMG transitioned WAXN’s three secondary/multicast program streams to two other stations in the market. Specifically, CMG moved two of WAXN’s ATSC 1.0 subchannels – 32.2 Get TV and 32.3 Court TV Mystery – to WAXN’s sister station, co-owned WSOC-TV (Facility ID No. 20339). The third WAXN ATSC 1.0 subchannel – 32.4 Laff – moved to WCNC(TV) (Facility ID No. 32326), which is owned by TEGNA, Inc.

Since that time, CMG has transitioned the Get TV stream from WAXN to WSOC (the programming stream is now on virtual channel 9.3). Accordingly, WAXN currently has its primary programming stream hosted on Gray’s WBTV and two multicast programming streams, one each hosted by Tegna’s WCNC and WAXN’s sister station, WSOC. For clarity, WAXN’s programming streams are currently hosted in 1.0 as follows:

Network	Host Station	RF Channel of 1.0 Host(s)	Virtual Channel (No Change)	Resolution	Simulcast in ATSC 3.0?
Independent (local and syndicated programming)	WBTV	23..2	64.1	720p	Yes
Court TV Mystery	WSOC	19.4	64.2	480i	No
Laff	WCNC	24.6	64.3	480i	No

As shown in the attached engineering exhibit, the ATSC 1.0 simulcast signal for the WAXN primary channel on host station WBTV is predicted to serve 99.98% of the population served by the original WAXN ATSC 1.0 signal. Further, as shown in the attached coverage

maps, 100% of the viewers that received WAXN's Court TV Mystery multicast stream over-the-air retained access to that multicast stream from WSOC. Further, 99.68% of viewers with over-the-air reception retained access to the multicast stream for Laff from WCNC. In all cases, all of the WAXN-TV programming streams continue to serve the station's community of license.

WAXN is airing the same programming, in the same resolutions, on the ATSC 1.0 host stations named herein as it aired from its own facilities prior to transitioning to the ATSC 3.0 standard with the exception that one of its programming streams has moved to sister station WSOC. Therefore, WAXN will not be using more capacity on the ATSC 1.0 host stations, in the aggregate, than it used on its own ATSC 1.0 facilities (and in fact is actually using less).

CMG confirms that WAXN does not currently, and does not intend to, rely on its multicast streams for compliance with the Commission's Children's Television Programming requirements, as WAXN averages at least three hours per week of core programming on its primary stream. As such, neither WAXN's compliance with the Commission's Children's Television Programming requirements nor viewers' access to the station's required core programming will be affected by the proposed changes.

WAXN confirms that it aired the requisite consumer notices regarding the station's transition to the ATSC 3.0 standard and the need for over-the-air viewers to rescan their television sets in order to continue to receive WAXN's ATSC 1.0 programming streams. CMG also provided notice to the relevant MVPDs of its proposed multicast ATSC 1.0 signal relocations when it provided the requisite notice regarding relocation of WAXN's primary stream ATSC 1.0 signal. CMG has and will coordinate with the MVPDs that carry the WAXN programming streams to ensure they continue to receive a good quality signal, whether that be over the air or via an alternative delivery method (for example, a direct fiber feed).

CMG certifies that will continue to abide by all conditions and commitments made in the previous grants. CMG incorporates by reference the information and materials submitted with the two previously granted applications (FCC File Numbers 0000146859 and 0000146864, as extended) to the extent that information is not otherwise contained herein.

The hosting arrangements with WBTV, WSOC and WCNC continue to serve the public interest by enabling over-the-air viewers to continue to have access to WAXN's primary and multicast streams. Absent the arrangements with WBTV, WSOC and WCNC, over-the-air viewers would lose access to WAXN's primary and multicast streams. Additionally, the

arrangement preserves access to all WAXN programming streams for viewers who are receiving them via MVPDs. Grant of this application will, therefore, serve the public interest, as it will advance the Commission's ATSC 3.0 policy goals while preserving WAXN's ability to air each of its programming streams in the ATSC 1.0 format.