

Request for Extension of Reduced Power STA for DTV Station

NCE Station WQLN-DT, Erie, PA (F.I.N. 53716)

Pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the FCC's rules, Public Broadcasting of Northwest Pennsylvania, Inc. ("PBNP") hereby requests an extension of Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to continue operate reduced power DTV facilities for noncommercial educational television Station WQLN-TV/DT, Erie, Pennsylvania.

The Commission originally granted STA for the reduced power operation of Station WQLN-DT on February 27, 2002 (*see* FCC File No. BDSTA-20020221ABR). The FCC most recently granted an extension of the STA in File No. BEDSTA-20050228ADZ, and the STA is currently due to expire on October 4, 2005. Pursuant to Paragraphs 34-36 of the *Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration* in MM Docket No. 00-39, FCC 01-330 (rel. Nov. 15, 2001), PBNP requests a six-month extension of this STA.

PBNP proposes no technical changes to its current STA operation as outlined in the initial request and granted by the Commission. The STA specifies an ERP of 39.1 kW, a height above average terrain of 270.7 meters, and geographical site coordinates of 42-2-34 N; 80-3-56 W. Grant of this extension would serve the public interest because it would allow PBNP to maintain, in a cost effective manner, its existing noncommercial educational digital television programming for local viewers.