

Exhibit 44 – Statement A
NATURE OF THE PROPOSAL
PROPOSED ANTENNA SYSTEM
prepared for
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KATV(TV) Little Rock, Arkansas
Facility ID: 33543
Ch. 22 4.95 kW 515 m

KATV, LLC (“*KATV*”) is the licensee of analog television station KATV(TV), Channel 7, Little Rock, Arkansas (see BLCT-1499). *KATV* is also currently authorized to operate its pre- and post-transition facility for KATV(TV) on Channel 22¹ (see “CP”, BPCDT-19991027ABF). As the Commission is aware, the authorized KATV(TV) tower collapsed on January 11, 2008 during tower maintenance in preparation for the transition to digital television. The KATV(TV) Channel 7 analog facility is operating an emergency antenna facility located on Shinall Mountain at reduced power. The Channel 22 digital operation is off the air. KATV(TV)’s digital programming is being carried as a secondary channel on another area station’s digital facility.

Several options were investigated towards the restoration of service. The first was replacement of the damaged tower. While this option appears reasonable, it is impractical and does not achieve the goal of restoration of service within a reasonable amount of time, preferably prior to the analog shutdown. It is our understanding from a technical representative of *KATV*, fabrication and acquisition of a replacement 2000 foot tall tower is not possible until after the shutdown of analog television due to a shortage of proper size steel components employed in the construction of a tower of this height.

Another option is to construct a new KATV(TV) facility using tower materials that are available in a much shorter period of time. That being said, a tower about 1200 feet in height can be provided in a much shorter time frame since the smaller size steel material needed in its fabrication is readily available. Erection of the shorter tower at the current KATV(TV) is not a practical option since the coverage would be greatly diminished by a tower half the height of the tower that fell.

A more practical option would be to employ a tower that can be obtained readily at a different site that would provide comparable coverage. Since other area television stations are

¹ The KATV(TV) digital operation is currently authorized to operate pursuant to a Special Temporary Authorization (see BDSTA-20060817ADZ) using a side-mounted antenna pending the termination of analog operation in February 2009 when the antenna could be *safely* relocated to the top mounted position in accordance with the CP.

located on Shinall Mountain and employ towers of similar height to that proposed herein, it becomes the logical choice. Not only could restoration of service be accomplished prior to the analog shutdown, but viewers would not have to reorient their antennas when changing channels since KATV(TV) would be located near other Little Rock stations and not on the opposite side of town.

KATV herein proposes to modify its CP for KATV(TV) to specify a new facility to be constructed at the *de facto* “antenna farm” on Shinall Mountain located to the North and West of Little Rock. Lease negotiations are currently underway with the landowner. An FAA Form 7460-1, *Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration*, will be filed with that agency concurrently with the instant application. Once a determination of “no hazard” has been issued by the FAA, the tower will be registered with the FCC.

The proposed antenna is a Dielectric TFU-30GTH-R 04 which is considered non-directional in the horizontal plane with 0.75° of electrical beam tilt. A plot providing the antenna vertical plane (elevation) relative field pattern is provided in **Exhibit 44-Figure 1**.

The service contour of the proposed facility is subsumed within the service contour of the authorized CP. Extension of the station’s coverage contour past that currently authorized in the CP is not possible at this time due to current Commission policy even in light of the loss of the tower. *KATV* intends to imminently file a maximization application, with a request for a waiver of the filing freeze, for KATV(TV) at the proposed site.

Exhibit 44-Figure 2 provides a map depicting the service contour of the CP along with that of the proposed facility. Further, the map also provides the proposed facility’s principal community coverage contour. As demonstrated therein, the principal community of Little Rock, Arkansas is predicted to receive the enhanced signal level as required in §73.625(a) of the Commission’s Rules. The proposed KATV(TV) Channel 22 facility provides pre-transition interference free coverage to 772,630 persons which is 71.05% of the population that is predicted to receive interference free coverage from the CP facility.

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The proposed KATV(TV) site is located more than 400 km from the nearest points on the Canadian and Mexican borders and does not require international coordination. The nearest FCC monitoring station is at Powder Spring, Georgia, at a distance of 722.1 km from the proposed site. This exceeds by a great margin the threshold minimum distance specified in §73.1030(c)(3) that would suggest consideration of the monitoring station. The proposed site is also located outside the area specified in §73.1030(a)(1). Thus, notification of the instant proposal to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, West Virginia, is not required. There are no AM broadcast stations located within 3.2 km from the proposed site according to the Commission's engineering database.

Thus, this proposal is believed to be in compliance with the current Commission's Rules and policy with respect to allocation matters.

EXHIBIT 44 - FIGURE 1
ANTENNA VERTICAL PLANE (ELEVATION)
RELATIVE FIELD PATTERN

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