

FCC Form 340

Station WQLN-DT, Erie, PA (F.I.N. 53716)
Public Broadcasting of Northwest Pennsylvania, Inc.

Exhibit 1 – Explanation Regarding Filing Freeze and Resolution of International Coordination Issues

This amendment to the pending minor modification of construction permit application for noncommercial educational station WQLN-DT, Erie, Pennsylvania is not subject to the TV/DTV application filing freeze announced by the FCC in *Freeze on the Filing of Certain TV and DTV Request for Allotment or Service Area Change*, Public Notice, DA 04-2446 (released August 3, 2004). In that notice, the FCC announced that it would not be accepting television modification applications that “would increase a station’s DTV service area in channels 2-51 in one or more directions beyond the combined area resulting from the station’s parameters” as defined by the Table of Allotments, Commission authorizations and applications already on file. However, the Commission also stated that, “[n]otwithstanding this freeze, licensees will not be prevented from filing modification applications when the application would resolve international coordination issues.” The instant application proposes to resolve international coordination issues relating to Canadian clearance of the WQLN-DT application being amended. See Engineering Statement of Cohen, Dippell and Everist at pages 5-6. Therefore, this application may be submitted at this time and accepted for filing by the FCC.