

MINOR CHANGE APPLICATION
MERIDIAN COMMUNICATIONS OF IDAHO, INC.
NEW DT TV STATION
CH 20 - 506-512 MHZ - 50.0 KW
IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO
February 2008

TECHNICAL STATEMENT

This Technical statement and attached exhibits were prepared on behalf of Meridian Communications of Idaho, Inc. ("MCI"), permittee of a new analog TV station on Channel 20Z, Idaho Falls, Idaho (BPCT-19950306KF). In the initial grant of its permit, MCI did not receive a paired digital channel for transition to digital operation. As such, MCI must convert to digital on its analog channel. In the Seventh Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MB Docket #87-268, released October 20, 2006, the updated Digital Table of Allotments indicated that the proposed new Idaho Falls, Idaho TV station was to operate on Digital Channel 20 with a nominal effective radiated power of 50.0 kilowatts and height above average terrain of 223 meters, at the site specified in its outstanding permit. This instant application seeks to convert the facility to digital operation on Channel 20.

The proposed digital facilities meet the checklist guidelines for post-transition expedited processing of its application to convert to digital Channel 20. The new station will operate on a digital channel established in §73.622 of the rules; operate within 5.0 kilometers of the DTV reference site; operate with a power and height that does not exceed the DTV reference effective radiated power and height; not operate with post-transition facilities beyond that established in

Appendix B of the Seventh Report and Order, MB Docket #87-268; and operate with facilities which will match those indicated in the New DTV Table, Appendix B.

The proposed Channel 20 DTV antenna will be located on a tower previously approved by the Federal Aviation Administration and registered with the Commission. The proposed tower has been assigned Antenna Structure Registration Number 1210832. The proposed digital facility will provide the required coverage over the community of license, as indicated in Exhibit A. The proposed antenna system will be provided by Dielectric Communications; data regarding the proposed antenna system is attached as Exhibit B. Finally, the proposed New TV facility will not exceed the radio frequency exposure limits, as indicated in Exhibit C. As this is a check list application, no DTV interference studies are provided.

All remaining exhibits used to prepare this application have been provided to MCI and are available for submission to the Commission upon request.¹

1) The undersigned has evaluated only the radio frequency radiation exposure limits of this proposal. All other environmental issues have been or will be, reviewed by the applicant. Further, all data regarding broadcast facilities was extracted from the CDBS database. We assume no liability for errors or omissions in that database that may be adverse to the requests contained herein.