

WATE, G.P.
Request for STA
WATE-DT, Knoxville, Tennessee

Exhibit 38

Applicant requests special temporary authority (“STA”) to operate WATE-DT at reduced power. This request proposes operation consistent with Applicant’s DTV license (FCC File No. BMLCDT-20041203AEG), except that the station’s ERP would be 465 kW (i.e., 50% of the authorized 930 kW).

One side of WATE-DT’s transmitter has suffered a module failure. At the advice of the manufacturer, the station has attempted to rectify the situation by replacing several components of the transmitter, but to no avail. Consequently, the station has shipped the faulty module back to the manufacturer for repair or replacement. The manufacturer has advised the station that it may take 90 days to complete the repairs. Because the WATE-DT has only one functioning module, it is operating at 50% power and will need to continue to do so until the second module is repaired or replaced.

Because grant of the instant request for extension of STA would allow Applicant to continue to provide digital television service while Applicant repairs its digital facilities, grant of the instant request would be in the public interest.

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