

Exhibit 36

Explanation of Circumstances Warranting Extension of STA

The Pennsylvania State University (the “University”) holds an outstanding construction permit (File No. BPEDT-20000501AHR, granted on August 8, 2000) for primary digital UHF noncommercial, educational television broadcasting station WPSU-DT, Channel *15 (the “Station”) in Clearfield, Pennsylvania. Station WPSU-DT bears the Commission’s Facility Identification Number 66219. The University has applied to the Commission for a modification to that construction permit (File No. BMPEDT-20030527ADP), which application remains pending at the present time. The University also holds a Special Temporary Authorization (“STA”) to operate WPSU-DT at approximately sixty-seven percent (67%) of the effective radiated power (“ERP”) that is proposed in the pending construction-permit modification application in File No. BMPEDT-20030527ADP. The STA request (File No. BDSTA-20030424ACA) was granted on May 9, 2003, and has been regularly extended since that time; as so extended, the STA is currently due to expire on March 26, 2008 (*see* File No. BEDSTA-20060630DEK, granted on September 26, 2007).

As the Commission is aware from earlier submissions pertaining to this matter (*e.g.*, Exhibit No. 1 to the University’s Digital Channel Election Form/First Round Election, submitted on FCC Form 382 on February 10, 2005, File No. BFREET-20050210AIL, approved on June 23, 2005), the University’s predicament in relation to WPSU-DT results from circumstances almost entirely beyond its control.

In the course of constructing WPSU-DT, certain departures from the specifications in the original construction permit for the Station were made, relative to the Station’s antenna radiation pattern. Upon completing the construction of the Station, it was discovered -- with the assistance of legal counsel -- that those departures require prior Commission approval. Accordingly, the University caused to be filed an application for a modification of the original construction permit (File No. BMPEDT-20030527ADP), in order to authorize the facilities of the Station as actually installed. Around the same time, the University also caused to be filed a request for the STA, in order to permit the Station to operate with its “as-built” facilities, although with reduced ERP, while awaiting Commission action on the construction-permit modification application. As noted above, the STA request (File No. BDSTA-20030424ACA) was granted on May 9, 2003, and has been regularly extended since that time; as so extended, the STA is currently due to expire on March 26, 2008 (*see* File No. BEDSTA-20060630DEK, granted on September 26, 2007).

In the course of following up with regard to the construction-permit modification application, it came to the University’s attention that the Canadian government was objecting to that application (even though the facilities proposed in that application would result in a signal of lesser intensity being radiated by the Station in the direction of Canada than the signal that would have been projected by the facilities authorized in the original construction permit for the Station). The basis for Canada’s objection, as conveyed by the Commission’s staff to the University’s representatives, is that the facilities proposed in the construction-permit modification application would cause interference to a Canadian digital television station channel allotment at Hamilton, Ontario. In informal consultations with members of the

Commission's staff in the International Bureau, the University's representatives have been told that the University's application to the Commission for the original construction permit for the Station in File No. BPEDT-20000501AHR was never coordinated with Canada. Hence, the Canadian authorities regard the facilities proposed in the construction-permit modification application not as ameliorating an existing potential interference situation involving the WPSU-DT facilities authorized in the original construction permit, but rather as creating for the first time a new potential interference situation.

At this point, the University has been advised that the International Bureau is continuing to negotiate with its counterparts in Canada to resolve this matter. The University is hopeful that Canadian concurrence in the facilities of WPSU-DT as proposed in the pending construction-permit modification application in File No. BMPEDT-20030527ADP (which conform to the Clearfield, Pennsylvania Channel *15 allotment parameters set forth in Appendix B to the *Seventh Report and Order and Eighth Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MB Docket No. 87-268, Advanced Television Systems and their Impact upon the Existing Television Broadcast Service*, 22 FCC Rcd 15,581 (2007)) will be forthcoming in the relatively near term. In the meantime, however, the University continues to operate WPSU-DT with its ERP reduced to approximately sixty-seven percent (67%) of the ERP proposed in the pending construction-permit modification application in File No. BMPEDT-20030527ADP, in accordance with the STA. Upon obtaining Canadian concurrence in the Station's facilities as proposed in that application, and upon the Commission's grant of that application, the University will adjust the Station's power level accordingly and will then be operating (pursuant to program test authorization) its final, post-transition facilities that match the allotment parameters in Appendix B. Thereupon, the University will promptly apply to the Commission for a license to cover the completion of the construction of those facilities.

The timing of when the University will be in a position to complete the steps set forth in the immediately-preceding paragraph remains entirely outside of the University's control.

Accordingly, this application constitutes the University's request, pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the Commission's Rules, for a further extension of the STA for a period of not less than six months' duration, or such lesser period as shall be necessary to enable the Commission's staff to have completed its processing of, and to have granted, the pending application in File No. BMPEDT-20030527ADP. The public interest will be served by a grant of the STA, because this STA will allow Station WPSU-DT to continue serving its viewers while the above situation is resolved.