

ENGINEERING REPORT

FM Translator Construction Permit Application

W235BR – Ithaca, NY
File No. BLFT-20130718AAA
Facility ID No. 144458

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Discussion

This firm has been retained to prepare the required engineering report in support of a minor Construction Permit Application for FM Translator W235BR – Ithaca, NY, License No. BLFT-20130718AAA (Facility ID No. 144458). W235BR is licensed to operate on CH235D (94.9 MHz) with 0.01 kW of vertical only directional power at an antenna COR of 289 meters AMSL. Modified operating parameters will be requested in this minor Form 349 Filing. Continued operation on Channel CH235D (94.9 MHz) with a power of 125 watts ERP is requested from a new site location, however a circularly polarized directional antenna (Scala CL-FM(Slant-45)) will be utilized. The new antenna COR will be 529 meters AMSL. The translator will rebroadcast new primary station WQNY(FM)-HD2 – Ithaca, NY, CH279B (Facility ID No. 32390) as a Fill-In FM Translator.

The facility will be located at the existing tower bearing Antenna Structure Registration Number 1048243. A copy of the existing ASR has been included in **Exhibit 13.1**. The vertical antenna system has been plotted in **Exhibit 13.2**. As this proposal will not increase the overall tower height, it is believed the FAA need not be notified.

It has been determined the translator may be used in the area without interference to any existing FM broadcast station or facility with the exception of WFIZ(FM) – Odessa, NY (CH238A). General allocation details are found in **Exhibit 13.5**. A §74.1204(d) Third Adjacent Channel Given Interference Waiver is requested toward WFIZ(FM) as included in **Exhibit 13.7**. Full protection will be afforded the facility as the calculated interference area will not reach the ground nor a 7 meter artificial plane representing a standard two story building when taking into account the downward radiation characteristics of the antenna as supplied by the antenna manufacturer. A copy of the antenna manufacturer's antenna specifications has been included in **Exhibit 13.8**. There is one facility, existing or proposed, close enough to merit further study. Therefore supplemental contour studies toward WYYY(FM) – Syracuse, NY (CH233B) have been included in **Exhibit 13.6**. It is believed sufficient clearance exists precluding the need for additional contour protection showings.

The applicant would like to note use of the NED 03 second terrain database for all allocation, contour and HAAT showings contained here-in.

The proposed 54 dB μ contour of the Fill-In Translator lies wholly inside of the WQNY(FM) primary 54 dB μ contour. A map of the proposed service area in relation to the primary station service contour has been included in **Exhibit 13.4**.

Regarding protection of international concerns, the facility is and will remain within 320 km of the common border between the United States and Canada. The applicant certifies the proposed Translator 34 dB μ F(50:10) interference contour does not enter Canadian territory. Documentation of the proposed 34 dB μ F(50:10) interference contour will be supplied upon request.

The proposed operating parameters have been changed from the licensed values, however the proposed service contour serves a portion of the present service area as seen in **Exhibit 13.3**.

Discussion (continued)

RADIATION PROTECTION: The Commission requires an engineering study regarding compliance with the guidelines for human protection from radiofrequency radiation. This report section is in response to that provision of the Rules. The current Federal Communications Commission guidelines for RF radiation protection are set forth in OET Bulletin No. 65 (Edition 97-01), and the accompanying Supplement A, (Edition 97-01).

The FM Broadcast facility proposed in this application will not produce human exposure to radiofrequency radiation in excess of the applicable safety standards specified in §1.1310 of the Commission's rules. ***Exhibit 17.1*** provides the details of the study that was made to demonstrate compliance. The facility is properly marked with signs, and entry is restricted by means of fencing with locked doors and/or gates. Any other means as may be required to protect employees and the general public will be employed.

In the event work would be required in proximity to the antenna such that the person or persons working in the area would be potentially exposed to fields in excess of the guidelines set forth in OET Bulletin No. 65 (Edition 97-01), the transmitter power will be reduced or the station will cease operation during the critical period.

DISTANCES TO CONTOURS: The following tabulation of the distances to the proposed service contours results from calculations performed in accordance with §73.313(d) and §73.333 Figure 1 utilizing the NED 03 second terrain database.

N. Lat. = 422331.0 W. Lng. = 762830.0						
HAAT and Distance to Contour,						
FCC, FM 2-10 Mi, 51 pts Method - NED 03 SEC						
Azi.	AV EL	HAAT	ERP kW	dBk	Field	60-F5
000	291.1	237.9	0.1049	-9.79	0.916	16.09
030	330.2	198.8	0.0370	-14.32	0.544	11.41
060	439.2	89.8	0.0003	-35.05	0.050	2.21
090	352.3	176.7	0.0001	-39.49	0.030	1.95
120	454.7	74.3	0.0001	-38.40	0.034	1.66
150	417.9	111.1	0.0002	-36.99	0.040	2.09
180	420.4	108.6	0.0002	-36.99	0.040	2.08
210	434.5	94.5	0.0001	-39.49	0.030	1.65
240	411.5	117.5	0.0001	-39.49	0.030	1.76
270	360.7	168.3	0.0045	-23.46	0.190	6.14
300	335.5	193.5	0.0595	-12.25	0.690	12.61
330	216.8	312.2	0.1201	-9.21	0.980	19.25
Ave El= 372.08 M HAAT= 156.92 M AMSL= 529.0						