

# **ENGINEERING REPORT**

**FM Translator Minor  
Change Construction  
Permit Application**

for

**W249CD.L - Ithaca, NY  
(Facility ID: 156452)**

**"250 Mile Window Application"  
Pursuant to FCC Public Notice  
DA 1491 (issued 12/23/2015)**

for

**CH286D.P - East Longmeadow, MA  
as an AM Fill-In Translator for  
WHNP(AM) - East Longmeadow, MA**

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(Exhibit numbering is in response to FCC Online Form 349, Section III-A)

# Discussion

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This firm has been retained to prepare the required engineering report in support of a Minor Change Construction Permit Application for FM Translator W249CD.L - Ithaca, NY (Facility ID: 156452). *This Form 349 Filing is being filed as a "250 Mile Window Application" in response to the Revitalization of the AM Radio Service, First Report and Order (MB Docket No. 13-249 (FCC 15-142), released October 23, 2015; subsequent Public Notice DA 15-1215, released October 26, 2015; and final Public Notice DA 1491, released December 23, 2015. This Form 349 Application is being filed under the "Second Modification Window" now open for all AM Class Fill-In Translators.* This Translator proposal requests a new (less than 250 mile) site relocation and new non-adjacent channel operational frequency. Operation on CH286D (105.1 MHz) with 0.250 kW ERP (Vertical Only Polarization) at 114 meters AMSL is proposed. The Fill-In Translator will rebroadcast new Class D AM Primary Station WHNP(AM) - East Longmeadow, MA (1600 kHz); Facility ID No. 58546. The Translator will serve the community of East Longmeadow, MA.

The Translator will be mounted on the existing WHNP(AM) tower which does not require Antenna Structure Registration. Copies of USGS Topographic Mapping and Aerial Photography of the site location have been included in **Exhibit(s) 13.1(a-b)**. The vertical antenna system has been included in **Exhibit 13.2**. As this proposal will not increase the overall tower height, notification to the FAA is not believed required.

It has been determined the Translator may be used in the area without interference to any existing FM broadcast station or facility. General allocation details are found in **Exhibit 13.5**. There are four facilities, existing or proposed, close enough to merit further study. Therefore a supplemental contour protection study has been provided toward each facility as included in **Exhibit(s) 13.6(a-d)**. It is believed sufficient clearance exists precluding the need for additional contour protection showings.

The applicant would like to note use of the NGDC 30 second terrain database for all allocation, contour and HAAT showings contained here-in.

The proposed 60 dB $\mu$  contour of the Fill-In Translator lies wholly inside of the AM primary daytime 2.0 mV/m contour and a 25 mile radius around the AM site. A map of the proposed service area in relation to the primary station service contour has been included in **Exhibit 13.4**. In addition, this exhibit also demonstrates the physical relocation of the Translator is less than 250 miles (402.3 km) in accordance with the Commission's Policy concerning this "250 Mile Window Application".

Regarding protection of international concerns, the facility is and will remain more than 320 km from the common border between the United States and Canada or Mexico. As a result, no further international showings are believed required.

The proposed operating parameters have been changed from the present values. A map of the proposed service contour has been included 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.

N. Lat. = 420425.0    W. Lng. = 723129.0 HAAT and Distance to Contour, FCC, FM 2-10 Mi, 51 pts Method - NGDC 30 SEC							
Azi.	AV EL	HAAT	ERP kW	dBk	Field	60-F5	
000	64.3	49.7	0.2025	-6.94	0.900	8.74	
030	89.8	24.2	0.2500	-6.02	1.000	7.09	
060	126.3	-12.3	0.2500	-6.02	1.000	7.09	
090	155.2	-41.2	0.2025	-6.94	0.900	6.73	
120	164.9	-50.9	0.2025	-6.94	0.900	6.73	
150	99.1	14.9	0.2500	-6.02	1.000	7.09	
180	51.9	62.1	0.2500	-6.02	1.000	10.33	
210	39.3	74.7	0.2500	-6.02	1.000	11.21	
240	42.3	71.7	0.2025	-6.94	0.900	10.47	
270	54.1	59.9	0.0841	-10.75	0.580	7.62	
300	51.7	62.3	0.0306	-15.14	0.350	6.04	
330	52.8	61.2	0.0306	-15.14	0.350	5.99	
Ave El= 82.65 M    HAAT= 31.35 M    AMSL= 114							