



**Technical Statement in Support of Request for
Special Temporary Authority
WMPT Annapolis, MD
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WMPT channel 42 Annapolis, MD has a pending construction permit application to maximize its post DTV transition facility (BPEDT-20080620AIA). That application is mutually exclusive with maximization applications filed by channel 41 WUTB Baltimore, MD (BPCDT-20080619AJG) and channel 42 WCVE-TV Richmond, VA (BPEDT-20080610AAQ). In addition, the WMPT application is predicted to cause impermissible interference to the facility specified in the construction permit of WTXF-TV channel 42 Philadelphia, PA (BPCDT-20080313ACO) when considered in conjunction with a maximization/relocation application filed by channel 42 WSAH Bridgeport, CT (BPCDT-20080620ALT).

The mutual exclusivity with the application of WUTB is due to the fact that the WMPT application is predicted to cause impermissible new interference (0.62%) to the facility proposed by WUTB. Whereas the combination of the applications of WUTB and WCVE are predicted to cause impermissible (0.63%) new interference to the facility proposed by WMPT. Individually the applications of WUTB and WCVE do not cause impermissible interference to WMPT. Likewise the WMPT application does not cause impermissible interference to the proposed facility of WCVE.



Although the mutual exclusivity can likely be resolved by interference agreements the FCC, however, has been reluctant to make a decision on the WMPT application without first resolving the issues related to the WSAH application. The situation involving WSAH relates to two separate filings by WSAH one involving a proposed relocation/maximization and the other a proposal to also relocate in conjunction with a channel change. In both cases the location of the interference caused by WSAH to the construction permit facility of WTXF-TV channel 42 Philadelphia, PA (BPCDT-20080313ACO) shifts. Because of this shift the apparent new interference caused to WTXF-TV by the proposed WMPT facility increases from an acceptable 0.28% to an unacceptable 0.63%. However, the actual new interference caused to WTXF-TV by the WMPT proposal is only 0.28% since the remainder of the 0.63% is already receiving interference from the current WSAH facility.

In the meantime WMPT has received numerous complaints¹ concerning reception of its digital signal that are likely due to the current power level of only 150 kW. Therefore, in an attempt to improve its service, WMPT is requesting special temporary authority (STA) for the facility proposed in its maximization application but at a power level of 439 kW. That level is 77 kW below what has been requested in its pending maximization

¹ WMPT indicates that it has received more than 1,500 complaints by telephone, email and regular mail from viewers who are experiencing difficulty receiving its DTV transmission.



application and will resolve all cases of impermissible interference caused to other post-transition applications and authorizations. Likewise, the proposal also meets the pre-transition de minimis interference protection requirements.

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