

WBAL Hearst-Argyle Television, Inc.  
Request for STA  
WBAL-DT, Baltimore, Maryland  
Facility ID No. 65696

**Exhibit 38**

Applicant requests special temporary authority (“STA”) to operate WBAL-DT at reduced power. This request proposes operation consistent with Applicant’s DTV license (FCC File No. BLCDT-20020422AAR), except that the station’s ERP would be 231 kW (i.e., 45% of the authorized 513 kW).

WBAL-DT’s transmitter is currently operating with only one tube. Initially believing there to be a failure in the transmitter cavity, at the advice of the manufacturer, the station first attempted to rectify the situation by replacing several components of the transmitter, but to no avail. A consultant is scheduled to come to the station on Thursday, November 29, 2007, to diagnose the problem. The Applicant has been operating at 45% power for 10 days, anticipates doing so for more than 30 days, and respectfully requests STA to do so.

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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