

EXPLANATION FOR REQUESTING SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION

Pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the Commission's rules, Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission ("GPTC"), licensee of noncommercial educational television translator Station W68AF, Toccoa, Georgia, hereby requests a Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") to remain silent for a period of 180 days.

On March 4, 2008, GPTC temporarily ceased operating Station W68AF due to an equipment failure. Specifically, GPTC is experiencing problems with its Acrodyne transmitter. The Station engineers are attempting to repair the transmitter and return the station to operation. However, because the unit is old and replacement parts are virtually unavailable, GPTC anticipates that it will not be able to return the Station to operation within the 30-day period specified in Section 74.763. Accordingly, GPTC requests an STA for Station W68AF to remain silent for a period of up to 180 days or until repairs are completed.

Grant of this request will serve the public interest because it will permit GPTC to continue to provide the residents of Toccoa, Georgia, over-the-air broadcasts of the noncommercial educational programming of the Georgia Public Broadcasting network.