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Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2009 4:30 PM

To: Ellen Edmundson; Clay Pendarvis

Cc: Bill Galloway; Charlie Dusic; Bray Cary

Subject: RE: WOWK STA Request

EMERGENCY STA AUTHORITY IS GRANTED, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, FOR DTV STATION WOWK, HUNTINGTON, WV, TO BEGIN OPERATION WITH THE FACILITIES DESCRIBED IN THE EMAIL BELOW FROM ELLEN EDMUNDSON. THIS EMERGENCY AUTHORITY WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE FCC TAKES FINAL ACTION ON THE STA APPLICATION.

With respect to radio frequency radiation (RFR), we expect compliance with section 1.1307(b) of the Commission's Rules to be achieved.

After a cursory review of the technical submissions, we are persuaded that no interference is likely to occur from the proposed operation. We therefore conclude that the public interest would be served by the grant of this request. If problems do arise, we expect them to be solved expeditiously, and the Bureau reserves the right to require the termination of the operation without prior notice.

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Importance: High

Dear Mr. Harding:

In accordance with our earlier informal telephone discussion, this is written on behalf of our client, West Virginia Media Holdings, LLC, licensee of television station WOWK, Huntington, West Virginia (Fac. ID. 23342) (Analog Channel 13, Pre-Transition Digital Channel 47, Post-Transition Digital Channel 13), to request an emergency STA to immediately restore the station's television service following a severe ice storm that has knocked of the air the station's analog operation on Channel 13 and its pre-transition digital operation on Channel 47.

WOWK seeks authority to restore service by immediately commencing digital operation on its

post-transition digital channel, Channel 13 (which is the current analog channel knocked off the air by the storm). **WOWK requests authority to operate in accordance with its construction permit under FCC File No. BMPCDT-20080620AJA, a copy of which is attached hereto.** As discussed, a copy of the station's earlier Channel 13 digital construction permit under FCC File No. BMPCDT-20080317AGA is also attached. STA is requested in view of a CP condition which appears might otherwise prevent digital operation of WOWK on Channel 13 prior to February 17, 2009.^{1/}

The Huntington-Ashland WV-KY-OH MSA served by WOWK has suffered a severe ice storm that has resulted in dangerous conditions throughout the area, which were recognized this morning by President Obama when a state of emergency was declared in response to a letter from Kentucky Governor Steven L. Beshear (a copy of Gov. Beshear's letter to President Obama is attached for your convenience.) In addition, a state of emergency was also declared in Boyd County, KY, an area in the Huntington- Ashland MSA that is served by WOWK. Downed power lines throughout the area have caused power losses to approximately 600,000 persons and have exacerbated already hazardous travel on ice-covered roads. Segments of area interstates have been closed intermittently due to numerous vehicle accidents. Mayor Kim Wolfe of Huntington, WV (WOWK's license community) has conducted an emergency meeting with police and fire officials to coordinate an emergency response. Another round of severe winter weather is imminent.

WOWK has for many decades been a primary source of news and information in the Tri-State area. WOWK broadcasts 6 regularly scheduled newscasts weekdays, in addition to emergency crawls and news breaks in response to urgent developments. Prompt action on the instant STA request is sought to ensure that the station is able to provide essential information to the tri-state area under the foregoing emergency conditions.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ellen Mandell Edmundson
 Attorney for West Virginia Media Holdings, LLC

^{1/} It is respectfully noted that WOWK made an STA filing on January 15, 2009 to notify that analog operation would be permanently discontinued on February 17, 2009 (an commenced required viewer notifications), and on January 26, 2009 notified the Commission of reduced power operation of WOWK as a result of the failure of a component in a transmitter tube. Copies of those filings are attached for your convenience.

<<WOWK CP BMPCDT-20080620AJA.pdf>> <<WOWK CP BMPCDT-20080317AGA.pdf>> <<KY State of Emergency 1-28-09.pdf>> <<WOWK STA Rqst BLSTA - 20090115ASS.pdf>> <<WOWK

reduced power notification 1-26-09.pdf>>

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