

TECHNICAL EXHIBIT  
APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION OF  
CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (BMPED-20081112AAR)  
NCE-FM STATION WXMF  
MARION, OHIO  
CH 220A 6 KW (MAX-DA) 93 M

Technical Narrative

The technical exhibit of which this narrative is part was prepared in support of an application for modification of the construction permit for NCE-FM station WXMF on channel 220A at Marion, Ohio. Station WXMF is authorized (BMPED-20081112AAR) to operate on channel 220A with a directional antenna maximum circularly polarized effective radiated power (ERP) of 5 kW, and an antenna height above average terrain (HAAT) of 103 meters.

Proposed Facility

The purpose of this modification application is to reduce the antenna height and increase the directional antenna maximum circularly polarized ERP from the authorized site. No other changes are proposed. Specifically, it is proposed to operate on reserved band channel 220 (91.9 MHz) from the existing tower with a directional antenna maximum circularly polarized ERP of 6 kW and an antenna height above average terrain (HAAT) of 93 meters. Figure 1 is a polar graph and tabulation of the proposed directional antenna horizontal plane relative field pattern.

Tower Registration

Notification to the FAA is not necessary, as there is not a proposed change in the overall height of the existing structure. The antenna structure registration number (ASRN) for the existing tower is 1015817.

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City Coverage

Figure 2 is a map showing the predicted 60 dBu contour for the proposed facility. As indicated, the proposed 60 dBu will encompass 100% of the Marion city limits (obtained from the 2000 Census), which comports with Section 73.515.

The predicted 60 dBu contour was calculated in accordance with Section 73.313 of the FCC Rules. The average terrain elevations from 3 to 16 km were computed using the U.S.G.S. 30-second terrain database. The overall antenna HAAT was determined according to the provisions of Section 73.313 of the FCC Rules. The antenna radiation center HAAT and ERP in each radial direction were used in conjunction with the propagation prediction curves of Section 73.333 to determine the distances to contours.

Response to Paragraphs 15(a) and (b) – Allocation Studies

Figure 3 provides a summary of an allocation study for the proposed facility. There are no intermediate frequency (IF) related facilities in close proximity to the proposed facility. The tabulation in Figure 3 lists the results of a numerical analysis of the potential for contour overlap for all nearby co-channel and first-, second-, and third-adjacent-channel facilities. For the purposes of the numerical study, the maximum HAAT and ERP values were used in calculating the maximum distance to the predicted service and interfering contours.

Figure 4, Sheet 1, is a map depicting the predicted protected and interfering contours of those stations close enough to warrant further study pursuant to Section 73.509. This is based on the numerical analysis in Figure 3, where there is an indication of the potential for prohibited overlapping contours. As indicated in Figure 4 the proposed operation complies with the requirements of Section 73.509. Figure 4, Sheet 2, is an expanded scale map further illustrating that there would not be prohibited contour overlap with WKCO on channel 220A at Gambier, Ohio.

Figure 5 is a separation study based on the provisions of Section 73.207 for channel 220A from the proposed transmitter site. As indicated, operation on channel 220A from the proposed site will satisfy the Commission's minimum separation distance requirements, specified in Section 73.207(b) of the Rules, to all assignments.

Response to Paragraph 15(e) - TV Channel 6 Protection

It is required that noncommercial educational FM facilities provide interference protection to affected TV channel 6 facilities as defined in Section 73.525. Pursuant to Section 73.525 (a) (1), all TV channel 6 facilities within 154 kilometers of a proposed WXMf operation must be protected. The former analog operation of WSYX on channel 6 at Columbus, Ohio (BLCT-19931022KE) is the only TV or DTV channel 6 facility within 154 kilometers.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, in an abundance of caution a TV channel 6 protection study was conducted with respect to the former WSYX operation based on the provisions of Section 73.525.

Attached as Figure 6 is a map showing the proposed area of predicted interference to WSYX. The population within the predicted interference area was determined by a computer program, which adds the population of census enumeration districts whose centroids lie within the contour. The 2000 U.S. Census was employed. In accordance with Section 73.525 (c), the proposed WXMf operation must submit a showing indicating that the predicted interference area resulting from the proposed facility contains no more than 3,000 persons. As shown on Figure 7, the predicted area of interference contains 1,051 persons. Therefore, it appears that the proposed WXMf operation complies with Section 73.525(c).

Response to Paragraph 17 – International Borders

The proposed site is located 126 kilometers from the closest point of the Canadian border. Therefore, if necessary it is requested that the proposal be

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<sup>1</sup> Station WSYX has terminated operation on analog channel 6 and is currently operating on DTV channel 13 (BLCDT-20030801AXM).

coordinated with Canada. It is noted that the proposal complies with the pertinent provisions of the US-Canadian FM Agreement.

#### WXMF/WXML 70 dBu Contours

Figure 7 is a map which demonstrates that the 70 dBu contour for the proposed WXMF operation does not overlap any portion of the 70 dBu contour of WXML on channel 211B at Upper Sandusky, OH (BLED-20070705AEZ). This analysis was based on use of the more precise USGS NED 1 arc second terrain data.<sup>2</sup> Using these terrain data, distances to the predicted 70 dBu contours were determined in accordance with Section 73.313 along radials every 1 degree of azimuth.

#### Environmental Considerations

The proposed facilities were evaluated in terms of potential radiofrequency radiation exposure at 2 meters above ground level in accordance with OST Bulletin No. 65, "Evaluating Compliance With FCC-Specified Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Radiation". This Bulletin provides assistance in determining whether FCC-regulated transmitting facilities, operations or devices comply with limits for human exposure to radiofrequency (RF) electromagnetic fields.

The calculated power density at 2 meters above ground level at the base of the tower was calculated using the FCC's FM Model program. The FM Model was originally developed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a tool to predict ground level power density for FM antenna systems. Figure 8 depicts the output of the FCC's FM Model Program based on the proposed NCE-FM operation utilizing an ERI 3 bay, 1- $\lambda$  spaced antenna. As shown on Figure 8, the calculated power density does not exceed the recommended limit applicable to general population/uncontrolled exposure areas ( $200 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$  for FM stations) at a distance located between 0-300 meters from the tower base. Therefore, the WXMF operation

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<sup>2</sup> The NED (National Elevation Dataset) 1 arc second digitized terrain database is a product of the United States Geological Survey and has a resolution of 1 arc second (approximately 30 meters) for the coterminous United States.

will be in compliance with the FCC's requirements with regard to RFR exposure limits applicable to general population/uncontrolled areas at these locations.

Access to the transmitting site will be restricted and appropriately marked with warning signs. Furthermore, procedures will be in effect in the event that workers or other authorized personnel enter the restricted area or climb the tower to ensure worker safety with respect to radio frequency radiation exposure. Such measures include reducing the average exposure by spreading out the work over a longer period of time, wearing "accepted" RFR protective clothing and/or RFR exposure monitors or scheduling work when the stations are at reduced power or shut down.

Finally, it is noted that this technical exhibit only addresses the potential for radiofrequency electromagnetic field exposure.



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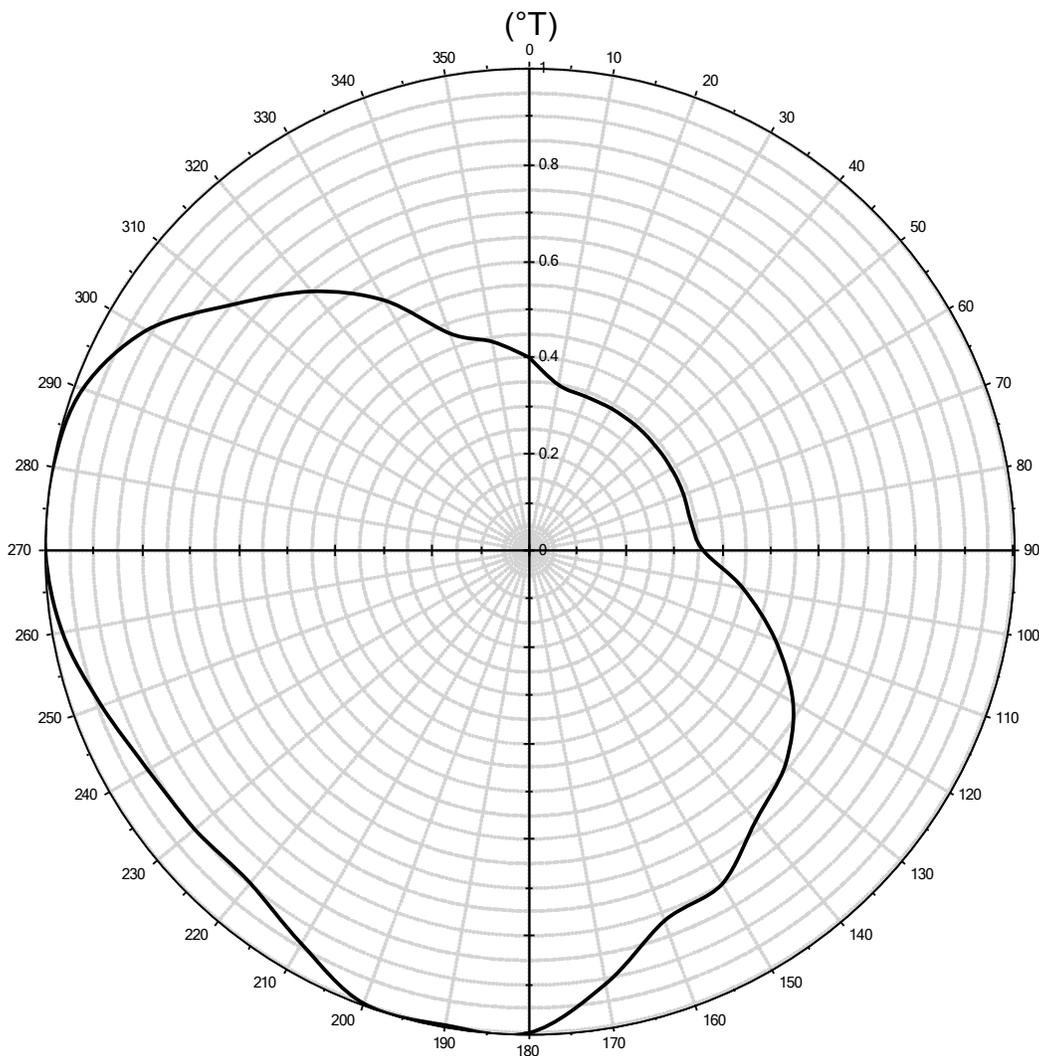
August 3, 2009

# DA Inquiry

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**Antenna Pattern:** Antenna ID: 90227



**Note:** display reflects rotation of 0.00°

**Antenna Details:**

0°	0.401	60°	0.340	120°	0.630	180°	1.000	240°	0.910	300°	0.913
10°	0.349	70°	0.340	130°	0.691	190°	1.000	250°	0.941	310°	0.795
20°	0.340	80°	0.340	140°	0.730	200°	1.000	260°	0.980	320°	0.701
30°	0.340	90°	0.360	150°	0.798	210°	0.942	270°	1.000	330°	0.600
40°	0.340	100°	0.449	160°	0.818	220°	0.899	280°	1.000	340°	0.480
50°	0.340	110°	0.541	170°	0.913	230°	0.901	290°	0.982	350°	0.440

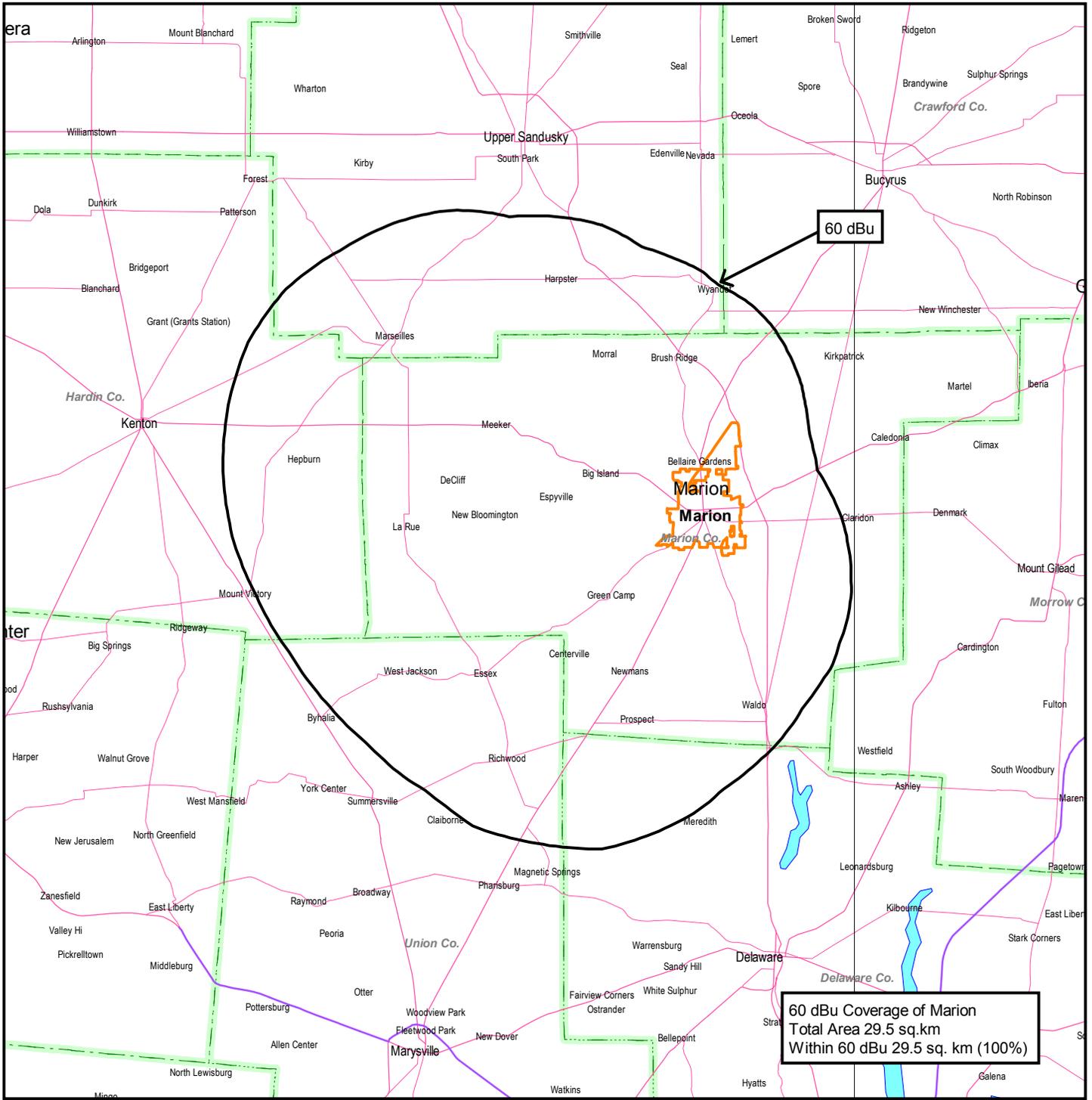
**Antenna Make:** ODD

**Standard Pattern:**

**Antenna Model:** FORM 340

**Last Change Date:**

Figure 2



## COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 73.515

FM STATION WXMF  
MARION, OHIO  
CHANNEL 220A

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NCE-FM ALLOCATION STUDY

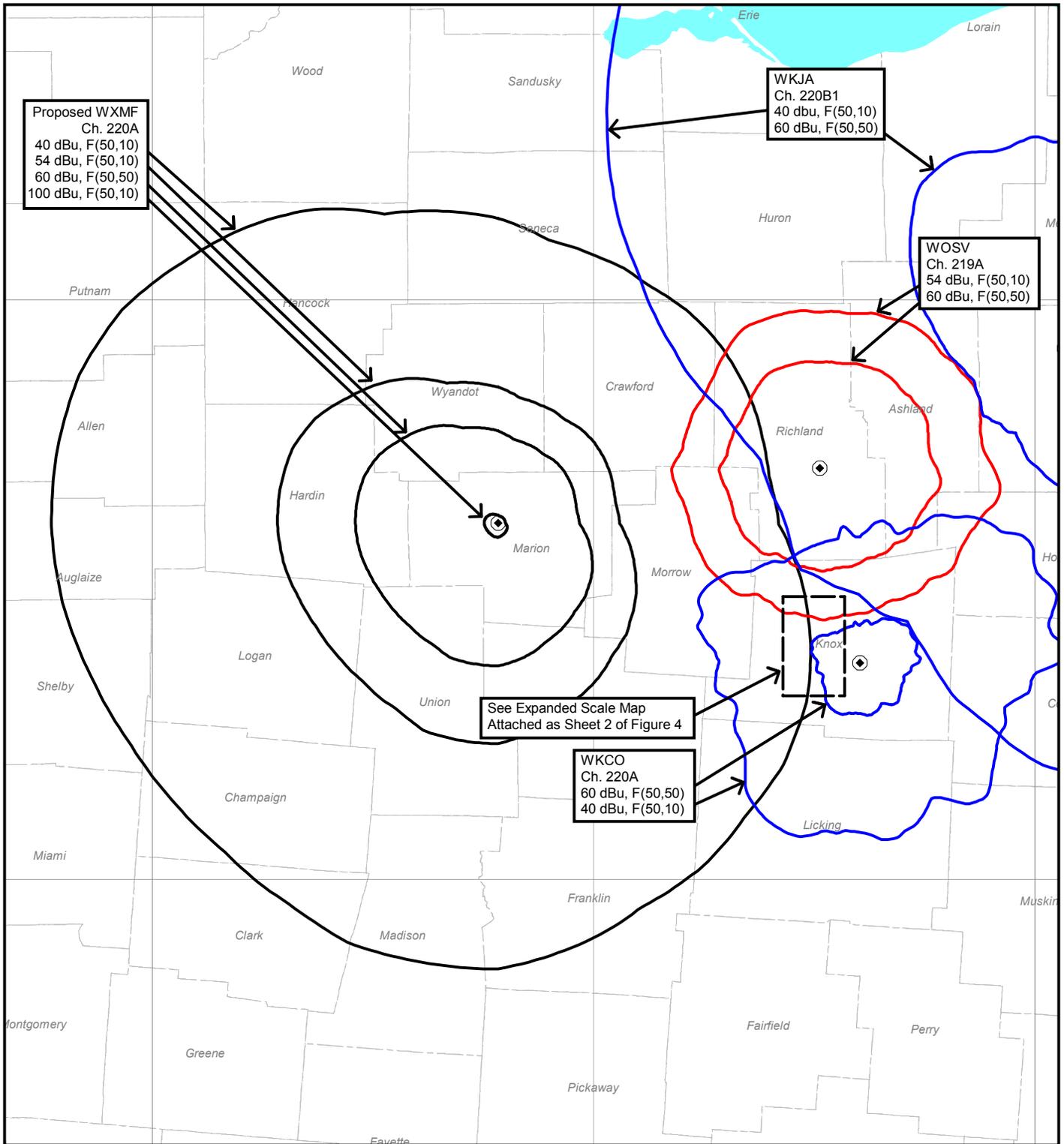
Job Title: WXMF HEIGHT REDUCTION  
Channel: 220  
ERP = 6 kW HAAT = 97 m

Separation Buffer: 50 km  
Coordinates: 40-36-51 83-12-56

Callsign ID	City St.	File Status	Channel Freq	ERP(kW) HAAT(m)	DA ID	Latitude Longitude	73 215 (deg)	Bear (deg)	Dist. (km)	Req. (km)
W218BL 72476	WILLARD	BLFT 20000404ACL	218 D 91.5	0.055 66	N	41-02-07 082-42-32	N	42.2	63.35 34.95	28.4 Clear
W218BL Proposed	60.0 dBu	Desired = 7.2 km	Proposed 100.0 dbu	Desired = 27.9 km	W218BL	100.0 dbu	Undesired = 2.7			Undesired = .5
WHKC 10929	COLUMBUS	BLED 20061219AAJ	218 B 91.5	15.0 238	Y	39-56-14 083-01-16	N	167.6	76.96 24.78	52.2 Clear
WHKC Proposed	60.0 dBu	Desired = 49.5 km	Proposed 100.0 dbu	Desired = 27.9 km	WHKC	100.0 dbu	Undesired = 2.7			Undesired = 5.2
WOSV 66184	MANSFIELD	BLED 19900116KA	219 A 91.7	0.75 183	N	40-42-33 082-29-11	N	80.0	62.56 -3.71	66.3 Short <sup>1</sup>
WOSV Proposed	60.0 dBu	Desired = 23.1 km	Proposed 54.0 dbu	Desired = 27.9 km	WOSV	54.0 dbu	Undesired = 43.1			Undesired = 34.6
WDEQ-FM 56576	DE GRAFF	BLED 20030326AFT	219 A 91.7	0.1 25	N	40-18-54 083-55-23	N	241.2	68.59 19.84	48.8 Clear
WDEQ-FM Proposed	60.0 dBu	Desired = 5.6 km	Proposed 54.0 dbu	Desired = 27.9 km	WDEQ-FM	54.0 dbu	Undesired = 43.1			Undesired = 8.0
WJIC 85074	ZANESVILLE	BLED 20001214AJI	219 A 91.7	6.0 122	Y	39-58-02 082-12-49	N	129.9	111.44 36.08	75.4 Clear
WJIC Proposed	60.0 dBu	Desired = 30.9 km	Proposed 54.0 dbu	Desired = 27.9 km	WJIC	54.0 dbu	Undesired = 43.1			Undesired = 47.5
WXMF 93251	MARION	BMPED 20081112AAR	220 A 91.9	5.0 107	Y	40-36-51 083-12-56	N	90.0	0.0	
WKCO 34261	GAMBIER	BMPED 20060202ADC	220 A 91.9	0.265 81	N	40-22-25 082-23-45	N	110.8	74.45 -23.51	98.0 Short <sup>1</sup>
WKCO Proposed	60.0 dBu	Desired = 11.8 km	Proposed 40.0 dbu	Desired = 27.9 km	WKCO	40.0 dbu	Undesired = 86.2			Undesired = 40.5
WKJA 122205	BRUNSWICK	BNPED 20000118AAK	220 B1 91.9	25.0 123	Y	40-54-56 081-55-56	Y	72.4	113.41 -32.14	145.5 Short <sup>1</sup>
WKJA Proposed	60.0 dBu	Desired = 42.4 km	Proposed 40.0 dbu	Desired = 27.9 km	WKJA	40.0 dbu	Undesired = 86.2			Undesired = 117.7
W220BP 83675	WOOSTER	BLFT 19970703TB	220 D 91.9	0.045 86	N	40-49-40 081-52-18	N	77.7	116.0 22.06	93.9 Clear
W220BP Proposed	60.0 dBu	Desired = 7.8 km	Proposed 40.0 dbu	Desired = 27.9 km	W220BP	40.0 dbu	Undesired = 86.2			Undesired = 26.0
WGDE 53713	DEFIANCE	BLED 19990305KB	220 A 91.9	6.0 102	Y	41-17-41 084-23-24	N	307.9	124.46 9.57	114.9 Close
WGDE Proposed	60.0 dBu	Desired = 28.6 km	Proposed 40.0 dbu	Desired = 27.9 km	WGDE	40.0 dbu	Undesired = 86.2			Undesired = 87.0

<sup>1</sup> No prohibited contour overlap. See Figure 4

Callsign ID	City St.	File Status	Channel Freq	ERP(kW) HAAT(m)	DA ID	Latitude Longitude	73 215	Bear (deg)	Dist. (km)	Req. (km)
WMUO 174886	GREENVILLE OH	BNPED CP	220 A 91.9	6.0 85	Y	40-08-21 084-37-04	Y	246.5	130.24 17.88	112.4 Clear
WMUO Proposed	60.0 60.0	dBu dBu	Desired = 26.2 Desired = 27.9	km km	Proposed	40.0	dbu	Undesired = 86.2 Undesired = 84.0		
WOUH-FM 50143	CHILLICOTH OH	BLD LIC	220 A 91.9	0.75 240	N	39-19-46 082-48-08	N	166.0	146.95 34.54	112.4 Clear
WOUH-FM Proposed	60.0 60.0	dBu dBu	Desired = 26.3 Desired = 27.9	km km	Proposed	40.0	dbu	Undesired = 86.2 Undesired = 76.3		
WFGF 74293	WAPAKONETA OH	BLH LIC	221 A 92.1	3.0 128	N	40-39-20 084-06-54	N	273.8	76.23 6.15	70.1 Close
WFGF Proposed	60.0 60.0	dBu dBu	Desired = 27.0 Desired = 27.9	km km	Proposed	54.0	dbu	Undesired = 43.1 Undesired = 41.0		
WOHF 4625	BELLEVUE OH	BLH LIC	221 A 92.1	6.0 119	N	41-14-19 082-50-16	Y	24.4	76.3 1.36	74.9 Close
WOHF Proposed	60.0 60.0	dBu dBu	Desired = 30.6 Desired = 27.9	km km	Proposed	54.0	dbu	Undesired = 43.1 Undesired = 47.0		
W221BG 138974	RUDOLPH OH	BLFT LIC	221 D 92.1	0.038 70	N	41-14-54 083-39-33	N	332.3	79.72 29.88	49.8 Clear
W221BG Proposed	60.0 60.0	dBu dBu	Desired = 6.7 Desired = 27.9	km km	Proposed	54.0	dbu	Undesired = 43.1 Undesired = 9.6		
WCOL-FM 25037	COLUMBUS OH	BLH LIC	222 B 92.3	22.0 265	N	39-58-16 083-01-40	N	167.4	73.17 1.04	72.1 Close
WCOL-FM Proposed	54.0 60.0	dBu dBu	Desired = 68.2 Desired = 27.9	km km	Proposed	94.0	dbu	Undesired = 4.0 Undesired = 6.2		
WCOL-FM 25037	COLUMBUS OH	BMLH LIC	222 B 92.3	50.0 94		39-56-31 083-01-20		167.6	76.43 16.62	59.8 Clear
WCOL-FM Proposed	54.0 60.0	dBu dBu	Desired = 55.9 Desired = 27.9	km km	Proposed	94.0	dbu	Undesired = 4.0 Undesired = 4.7		
WVKS 48964	TOLEDO OH	BMLH LIC	223 B 92.5	50.0 162	N	41-31-55 083-35-37	N	342.9	106.76 36.22	70.5 Clear
WVKS Proposed	54.0 60.0	dBu dBu	Desired = 66.6 Desired = 27.9	km km	Proposed	94.0	dbu	Undesired = 4.0 Undesired = 6.2		
NEW 139522	DELAWARE OH	BNPFT APP	274 D 102.7	0.17 0	N	40-17-47 083-03-59	N	160.3	37.49 27.49	10.0 Clear

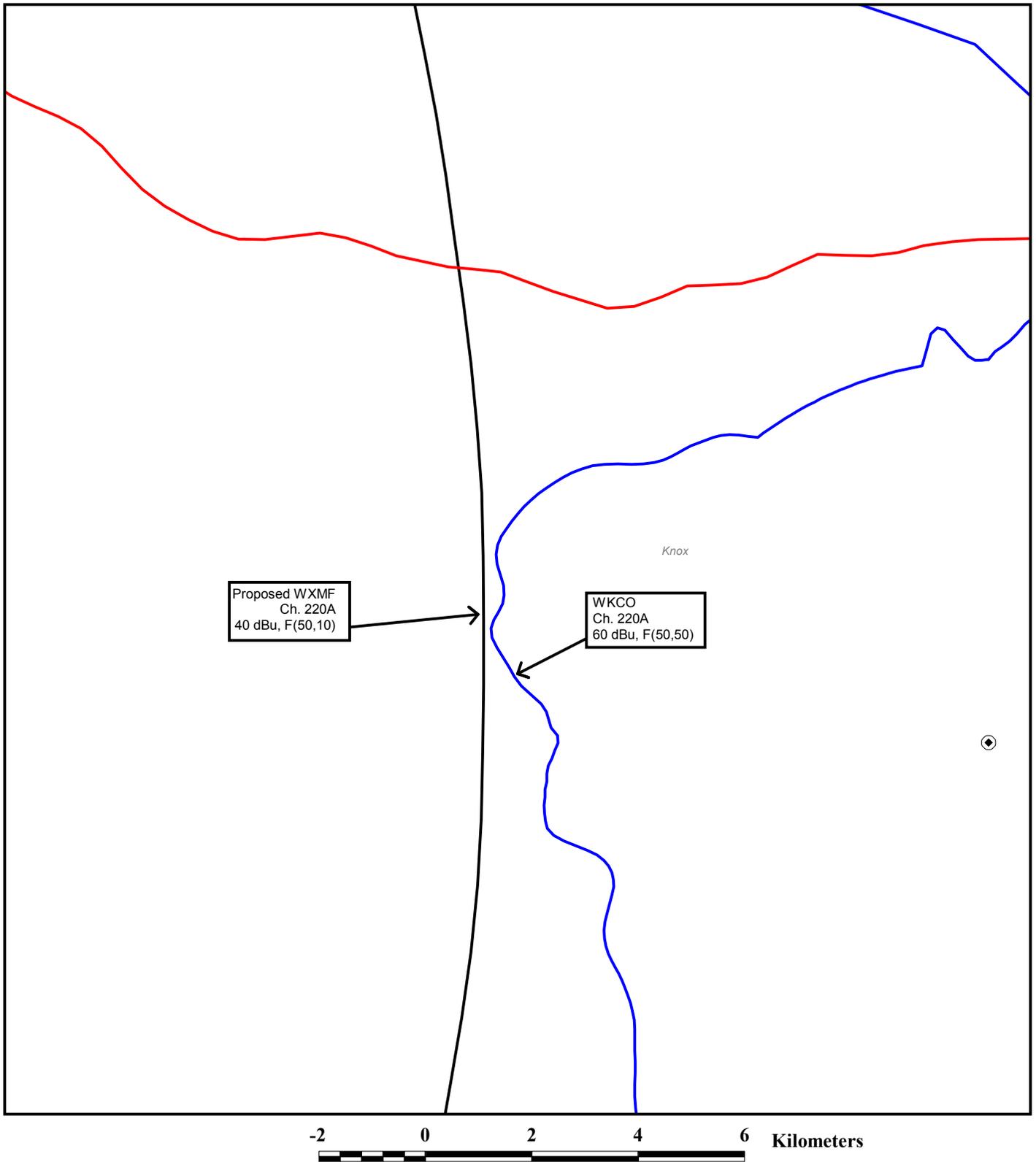


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## SECTION 73.509 COMPLIANCE

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**SECTION 73.509 COMPLIANCE (EXPANDED SCALE)**

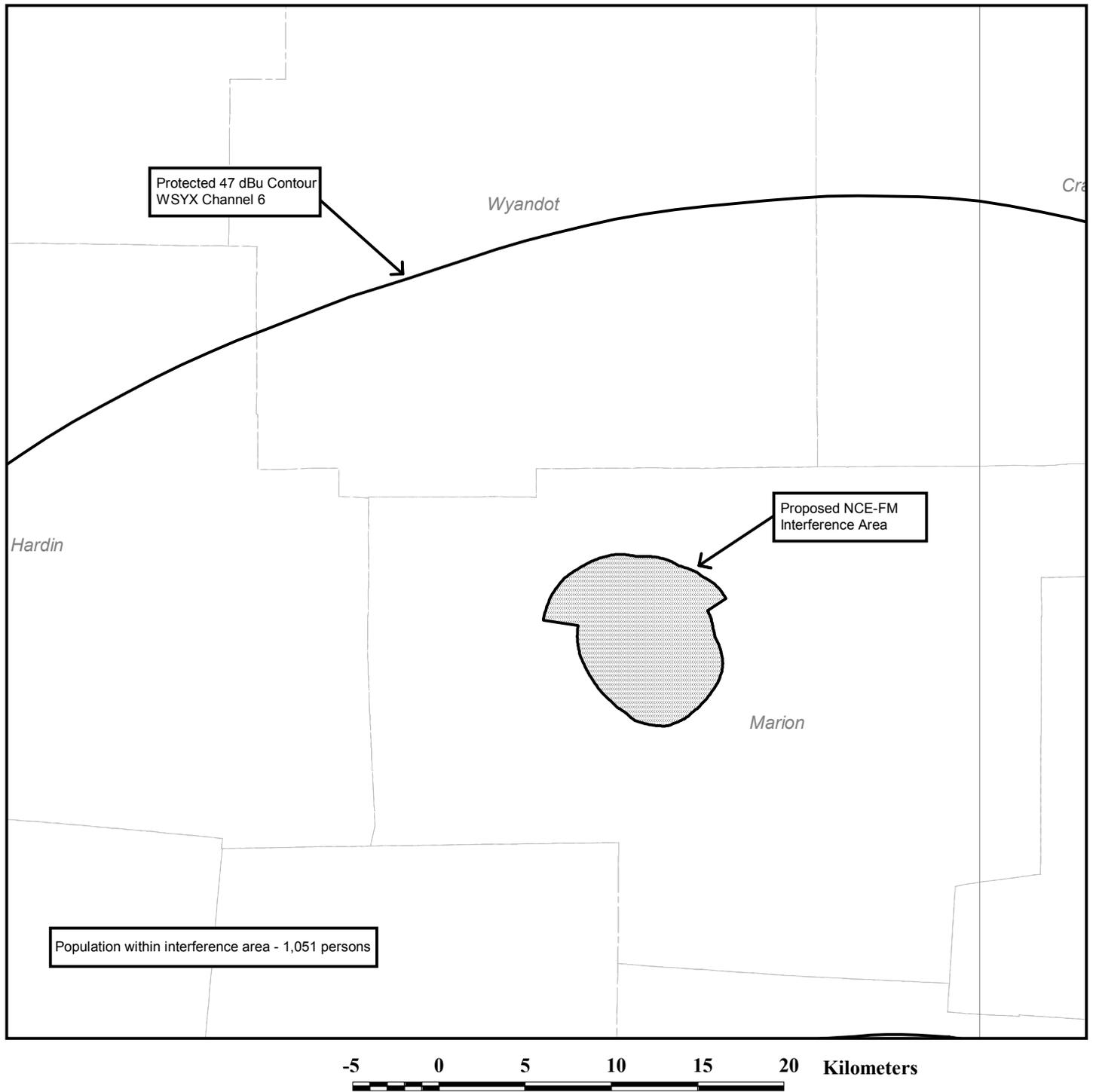
FM STATION WXM  
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Section 73.207(a) Separation Study

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 Class: A Buffer Distance: 32 km

Date: 09/03/2009  
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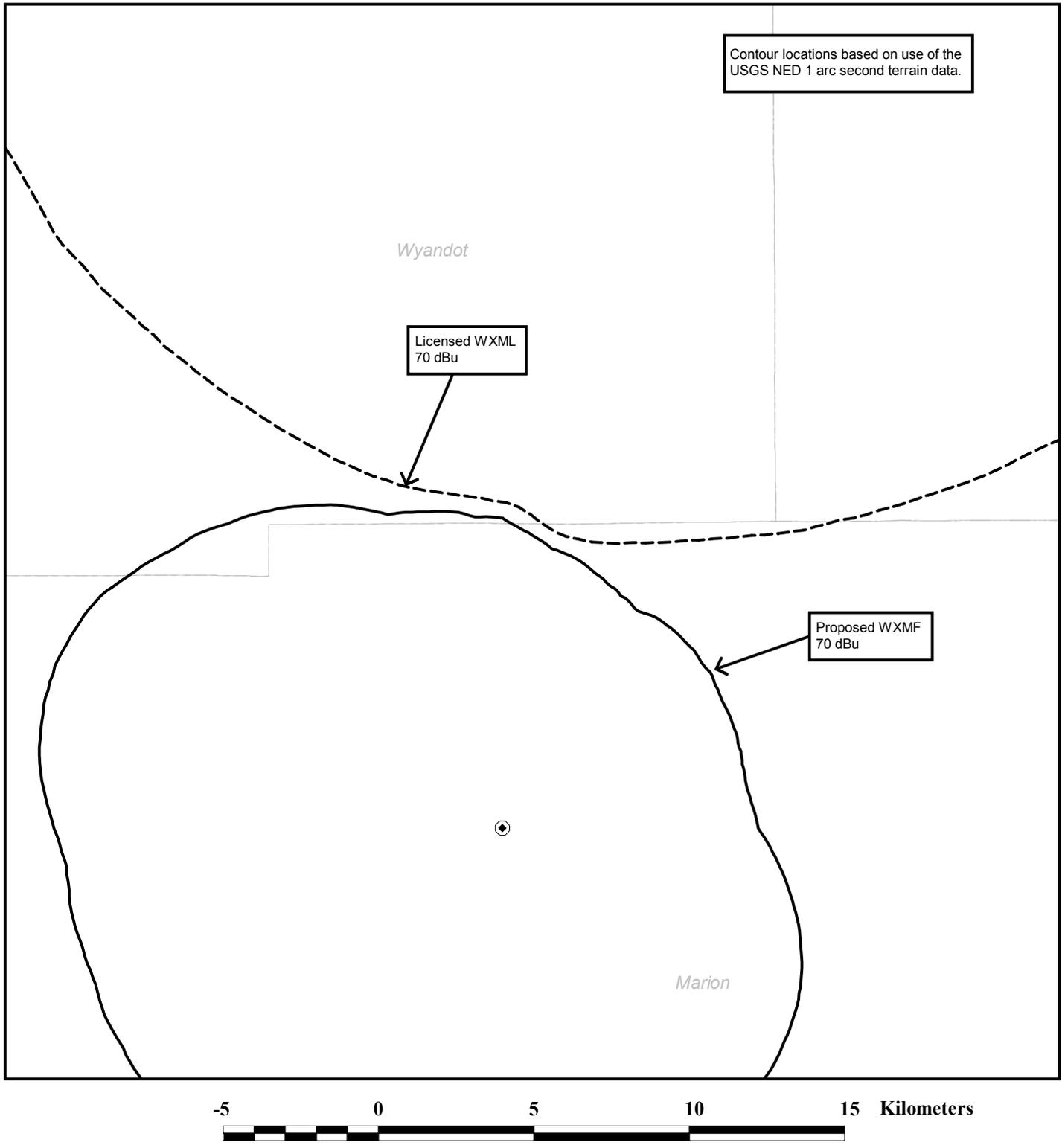
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<b>WCOL-FM</b>	LIC	222	FM	92.3	COLUMBUS	OH	039-58-16	73.17	69	4.17	
25037	BLH 19890808KA	B	N			22	230	083-01-40	167.38	<b>63 N</b>	<b>CLOSE</b>



## PREDICTED AREAS OF INTERFERENCE TO FORMER NTSC STATION WSYX CH 6

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## PREDICTED 70 DBU CONTOURS

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Figure 8

