

EXPLANATION FOR REQUESTING SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION

Pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the Commission's rules, Twin Cities Public Television, Inc. ("TPT"), permittee of noncommercial educational digital television Station KTCA-DT, St. Paul, Minnesota, hereby requests an extension of Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") to continue to operate Station KTCA-DT at reduced power until the application for minor modification to its DTV construction permit is granted and until it is able to repair an equipment failure that occurred shortly after completing construction of its DTV facility.

Specifically, Twin Cities Public Television, Inc. ("TPT") held an STA to operate at 175 kW that expired on July 1, 2006. TPT's digital television construction permit BMPEDT-20050322AGE specifies an ERP of 924 kW. TPT completed construction of a 662 kW facility on or about June 20, 2006. On June 27, 2006, counsel for TPT inadvertently filed a license to cover application for KTCA-DT to specify an ERP of 662 kW. Subsequently, TPT discovered that it should have first sought authority for a minor modification to its construction permit BMPEDT-20050322AGE. TPT, through counsel, promptly notified the FCC of this error and as soon as possible thereafter prepared and filed this request to extend its STA as well as a minor modification of construction permit application.

In addition, on June 20, 2006, shortly after completing construction and commencing operation of its digital television facilities, the Station experienced a failure of the electrical system for the air conditioner that caused a significant amount of damage to the transmitter. The damage is currently estimated to be approximately \$85,000. The air conditioning system has been fully repaired and is now operational. However, before TPT returns the station to full power, the Station engineers believe that it is necessary to relocate some of the transmission feeds in order to avoid permanent damage to the system if a similar problem occurs in the future. The station engineers are awaiting a delivery estimate on the equipment. In addition, the Station engineers have requested and are awaiting a visit from the factory engineers to assist in repairing the transmitters. Accordingly, TPT requests Special Temporary Authority to operate at an ERP of 175 kW for a period of up to 180 days or until repairs are completed. During this period, TPT will make the necessary repairs as expeditiously as practicable.

Grant of this request will serve the public interest because it will permit TPT to continue to provide the residents of St. Paul, Minnesota, over-the-air digital broadcasts of noncommercial educational programming aired on KTCA-DT.