

WSAZ-DT
Huntington, WV
Facility Id. No. 36912

STA CIRCUMSTANCES

The applicant is currently operating pursuant to a reduced facilities STA that expires on July 1, 2005. *See* FCC File No. BMDSTA-20050429AFH. This request seeks special temporary authority to operate with the same facilities as the existing STA for an additional period of six months.

As explained fully in the request for waiver of the FCC's replication/maximization interference protection deadline that is being filed concurrently, WSAZ is unable to construct its full authorized DTV facilities by the July 1, 2005 deadline. The public interest will be served by a grant of the instant STA request, which will allow the station to continue to provide uninterrupted DTV service to the public throughout the remainder of the transition without degrading the station's existing level of analog service.

Accordingly, on behalf of Emmis, we hereby respectfully request extension of the STA for an additional six months.