



**STATEMENT OF JOHN E. HIDLE, P.E.  
IN SUPPORT OF A REQUEST FOR A  
SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION FOR  
POST-TRANSITION DIGITAL OPERATION  
WHDH-TV - BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
DTV - CH. 42 - 948 kW - 288.0 m HAAT**

Prepared for: WHDH-TV

I am a Consulting Engineer, an employee in the firm of Carl T. Jones Corporation, with offices located in Springfield, Virginia. My education and experience are a matter of record with the Federal Communications Commission. I am a Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia, License No. 7418, and in the State of New York, License No. 63418.

**GENERAL**

This office has been authorized by WHDH-TV, licensee of WHDH-TV, Boston, Massachusetts, permittee of post-transition digital Channel 7, and authorized user of pre-transition Channel 42, both allotted to the Boston market, to prepare this statement in support of its request for immediate Special Temporary Authority (STA) to temporarily operate its previously authorized pre-transition digital operation on Channel 42 after June 12, 2009, in addition to its current operation of digital Channel 7. The station made its transition from channel 42 to channel 7 as planned. The overwhelming response of calls of complaints resulting from the transition has convinced the station that immediate action is required to counteract the resulting loss of viewers who have reported their sudden inability to receive WHDH-DT on channel 7 post-transition. WHDH-TV believes that the public interest will be served by permitting the station to temporarily resume its operation

on its pre-transition channel 42, thereby re-establishing that service to those viewers who have now been disenfranchised.

### **ALLOCATION CONSIDERATIONS**

The instant STA request seeks to continue to operate an authorized pre-transition digital facility, on an in-core channel, beyond the June 12, 2009 transition date. A study using the Commission's application processing software shows that the instant STA will cause no new prohibited interference to any post-transition facility.

### **SUMMARY**

It is submitted that WHDH-DT's instant request for STA, as described herein, complies with the Rules, Regulations and relevant Policies of the Federal Communications Commission. This statement was prepared by me, and its contents are believed to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED: June 15, 2009

  
John E. Hidle, P.E.  
