

**Engineering STA Request  
Exhibit 21  
February 2010**

Sky Television, L.L.C. (“Sky Television”), licensee of broadcast station WSKY-TV, Fac. ID No. 76324, Manteo, North Carolina, hereby requests special temporary authority to continue to operate on Channel 4 with parameters identical to those authorized in its pre-transition digital license. *See* BLCDT-20071128ADC.

The post-transition channel for WSKY-TV is Channel 9. Currently, however, WSKY-TV provides digital service on its licensed pre-transition Channel 4 facilities pursuant to special temporary authority (“STA”). *See* BEDSTA-20090918ABI. Both WSKY-TV’s Channel 4 STA and Channel 9 construction permit are scheduled to expire on February 17, 2010.

Although Sky Television has worked diligently to construct its post-transition digital Channel 9 facilities, it is unable to complete construction of those facilities by February 17, 2010. As a result, Sky Television is filing a petition for rulemaking, seeking to revise the DTV Table of Allotments, *see* 47 C.F.R. § 73.622(i), and substitute Channel 4 as the station’s post-transition channel. This revision would permit WSKY-TV to continue to provide free over-the-air broadcast service to its viewers.

Recognizing that final action on the petition for rulemaking will not occur by February 17, 2010, Sky Television is requesting the instant STA to permit WSKY-TV to continue to operate its existing Channel 4 facilities pending action on the petition for rulemaking and grant of a construction permit for post-transition facilities on digital Channel 4.

The requested STA will further the public interest by allowing WSKY-TV to continue to provide free digital broadcast service to viewers beyond February 17, 2010.

Since launching service in September 2001, WSKY-TV has provided significant amounts of locally-produced and locally-responsive programming. The station currently produces “Tidewater Amateur Sports,” a weekly high school sports program, “My Heart Will Always Be In Carolina,” a weekly magazine program focusing on people and places in northeastern North Carolina, and “Hampton Roads Live,” a weekly program targeting small business and businesspersons. The station has also broadcast numerous regional sporting events and live, locally-produced programs, including 16 hours of live coverage of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Flight, celebrating Orville and Wilbur Wright’s flight experiments in North Carolina.

The station has also produced live broadcasts of Norfolk, Virginia’s AAA baseball team, the Norfolk Tides, both from the team’s home stadium as well as from numerous road games. In addition, the station has provided coverage of both Old Dominion University’s men’s and women’s college basketball teams. The station also regularly broadcasts live from local events such as the Norfolk Harborfest, the Oceana Naval Air Show, and local Fourth of July celebrations. Thus, the ability for WSKY-TV

to continue to provide free broadcast service beyond February 17, 2010 through grant of the requested STA will serve the public interest.

For the reasons set forth herein, Sky Television requests that the Commission grant WSKY-TV special temporary authority to operate with the parameters specified in its pre-transition digital license.