



**STATEMENT OF JOHN E. HIDLE, P.E.
IN SUPPORT OF A REQUEST FOR A
SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION FOR
POST-TRANSITION DIGITAL OPERATION
WDKA-DT - PADUCAH, KENTUCKY
DTV - CH. 50 - 195 kW - 327.0 m HAAT**

Prepared for: WDKA Acquisition Corporation

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 WDKA Acquisition Corporation, licensee of WDKA(TV), channel 49, pre-transition WDKA-DT, channel 50 and permittee of post-transition WDKA-DT, channel 49, all allotted to Paducah, Kentucky, to prepare this statement in support of its request for a Special Temporary Authorization (STA) to continue its currently licensed pre-transition digital operation on channel 50 after June 12, 2009. The equipment necessary to implement WDKA-DT's post-transition construction permit, BMPCDT-2000080620AIQ, has been delivered, however, the personnel required for its installation and adjustment will not be available until after the June 12th 2009 transition date. WDKA-DT therefore seeks temporary authority to continue its digital broadcast operation on channel 50 utilizing its existing licensed pre-transition facility, until such time that its post-transition equipment can be installed and made operational. The pre-transition digital facility wholly encompasses WDKA's licensed analog facility, covering it 100%.

ALLOCATION CONSIDERATIONS

The instant request for STA seeks to continue to operate a licensed 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 prohibited interference to any post-transition facility.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that WDKA-DT's instant request for STA in order to continue digital broadcasting utilizing its licensed pre-transition digital facility, 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: May 20, 2009



John E. Hidle, P.E.

