

EXPLANATION FOR REQUESTING SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION

Pursuant to Section 73.1635 of the Commission's rules, Georgia Public Telecommunications Commission ("GPTC"), licensee of noncommercial educational television translator Station W68AF, Toccoa, Georgia, hereby requests an extension of Special Temporary Authorization ("STA") to remain silent for an additional period of 180 days.

On March 4, 2008, GPTC temporarily ceased operating Station W68AF due to an equipment failure. On March 11, 2008, GPTC filed a request for Special Temporary Authority to remain silent, which was granted on March 12, 2008 and expires on September 4, 2008. Because the equipment is old and replacement parts are virtually unavailable, GPTC will not be able to return the Station to operation by September 4, 2008. GPTC is currently constructing a digital displacement channel, (File No. BDISDTV-20071113AIL), and plans to flashcut the Station to digital upon completion of construction, which is currently projected for the end of 2008 provided the needed equipment and antennas can be obtained. Accordingly, GPTC requests an extension of special temporary authorization for Station W68AF to remain silent for a period of up to 180 days.

Grant of this request will serve the public interest because it will permit GPTC to continue to provide the residents of Toccoa, Georgia, over-the-air broadcasts of the noncommercial educational programming of the Georgia Public Broadcasting network.