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Re: WRDG-FM1, Bowdon, GA
IHM Licenses, LLC
Facility ID No. 777236
File No. 0000224401

**Request for Increased Digital Power
Hybrid IBOC Digital Operation**

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed October 31, 2023, on behalf of IHM Licenses, LLC (IHM), licensee of FM booster station WRDG-FM1, Bowdon, GA.¹ IHM requests authority to operate WRDG-FM1 with increased digital ERP of -10 dBc,² pursuant to the Media Bureau's Order adopted January 27, 2010, in MM Docket No. 99-325.³

Our review indicates that the notification requirements of the Order have been satisfied, and that the proposed operation complies with the contour non-overlap and other technical requirements of the Order.

¹ File No. 0000223367. WRDG-FM1 is a booster station licensed for analog operation on Channel 287C1 (105.3 megahertz) with 18 kilowatts (kW) effective radiated power (ERP).

² Decibels relative to analog carrier.

³ *Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems And Their Impact on the Terrestrial Radio Broadcast Service*, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 1182 (MB 2010) (Order).

Accordingly, the request IS HEREBY GRANTED. WRDG-FM1 may operate with increased digital ERP and transmitter power output (TPO), as follows:

Analog ERP:	18 kW (H&V) ⁴
Digital ERP:	1.8 kW (H&V) ⁵
Analog TPO:	6.2 kW
Digital TPO:	0.62 kW
Combined TPO:	6.82 kW

IHM must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines; *See* Section 1.1310 of the Commission's Rules.⁶ It may be necessary to reduce the power of the digital signal or cease hybrid operation if interference complaints are received. This authority may be modified or cancelled by the Commission without notice or right to hearing. This authority attaches to, and runs concurrently with, the main station license. WRDG-FM1 must post a copy of this authority with the station license.

Sincerely,

Rodolfo F. Bonacci
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Media Bureau

⁴ All ERP and TPO values rounded in accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 73.212(a).

⁵ Licensee specified the use of symmetric digital sideband power levels. Using the total digital sideband ERP values set forth in NRSC guideline "NRSC-G202-A, FM IBOC Total Digital Sideband Power for Various Configurations" (*NRSC-G202-2*) (April 2016) for MP1 service mode with symmetric digital sideband power levels, the maximum permissible total digital sideband ERP for WRDG-FM1 is 1.8 kW. The licensee must adjust the station's total digital sideband ERP in accordance with NRSC-G202-A if operating using a service mode other than MP1, *i.e.*, MP2, MP3 or MP11 and symmetric digital sideband power levels.

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1310.