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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Request for Waiver of the Replication/Maximization Interference
Protection Deadline
WUTV-DT, Buffalo, NY (FIN: 415)
MB Docket No. 03-15**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

By this letter, WUTV Licensee LLC, the permittee of WUTV-DT, Buffalo, New York (“WUTV”), hereby requests a temporary six-month extension and waiver of the July 1, 2005 replication/maximization interference protection deadline. *See* Public Notice, DA 05-1636 (June 15, 2005). As discussed in detail below, a waiver is warranted here because the commencement of full-power operations has been delayed by factors beyond the licensee’s control and because the public interest would be served. The station is presently operating at low power pursuant to an STA, File No. BEDSTA-20041021AGC, and has a pending request filed May 11, 2005 to extend the duration of the STA for six-months.

In 1999, WUTV timely filed its maximization application for its digital facilities. In May 2001, the FCC informed WUTV that the application could not be granted because it failed to protect two Canadian DTV allotments adequately. WUTV submitted an amendment, which Industry Canada determined over two years later in September 2004 to be acceptable. In October 2004, however, the FCC informed WUTV that the maximization application could not be granted because it would cause predicted interference to a new NTSC television station in Bath, New York. WUTV immediately amended its application, proposing a digital facility with reduced predicted interference

