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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: NBC Telemundo License Co.
Request for Waiver of Interference Protection Deadline
MB Docket No. 03-15
WCMH-DT, Columbus, OH; Facility ID No. 50781**

Dear Madam Secretary:

NBC Telemundo License Co. ("NBC"), permittee of the above-referenced permitted digital television facility WCMH-DT, Columbus, Ohio ("WCMH-DT"), hereby respectfully submits this request for a waiver of the July 1, 2005 replication/maximization interference protection deadline for WCMH-DT¹ and an extension of WCMH-DT's grant of existing special temporary authority ("STA"). See FCC File No. BMDSTA-20050415ACW.

NBC is operating WCMH-DT on DTV Channel 14 under the STA, which is to expire on July 1, 2005. See FCC File No. BMDSTA-20050415ACW. The STA enables WCMH-DT to operate at the same antenna height and pattern as specified in the WCMH-DT Permit, but at a reduced power. NBC was prepared to operate pursuant to the parameters specified in the facility's outstanding construction permit, but determined that certain equipment designed to permit such full-power operations did not work as expected, including a filter necessary to protect other tenants on WCMH-DT's tower and 470 MHz two-way radio users in the Columbus, Ohio area. Accordingly, WCMH-DT has been forced to continue operations at a

¹ See Public Notice, DTV Channel Election Issues – Compliance with the July 1, 2005 Replication/Maximization Interference Protection Deadline; Stations Seeking Extension of the Deadline, DA 05-1636 (June 15, 2005) (the "Notice"). NBC is the licensee of 14 stations affiliated with a top-four network. Of these, NBC is submitting additional information or requesting further Commission action with respect to five: WNBC-DT, New York, New York; KNBC-DT, Los Angeles, California; WCMH-DT, Columbus, Ohio; WCMH-DT, Birmingham, Alabama; and WJAR-DT, Providence, Rhode Island. NBC's other stations are not subject to the July 1, 2005, deadline.

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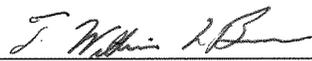
reduced power consistent with the STA and has not yet been able to file a license application to cover the permitted facility until it has received re-designed equipment. At present, WCMH-DT expects to receive such redesigned and improved equipment by August. WCMH-DT expects to begin operation pursuant to the permit and to submit an application for a license to cover as soon as the necessary equipment becomes available.

Accordingly, WCMH-DT hereby requests a waiver of the replication/maximization deadline until it can receive and install the necessary equipment to operate pursuant to the terms of the WCMH-DT Permit and protect other users of the tower. WCMH-DT also requests an extension of its current STA to allow for continued operation until operations under Program Test Authority may commence.

Please communicate with the undersigned with respect to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

NBC TELEMUNDO LICENSE CO.

By: 
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Its Assistant Secretary and Senior
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cc: Shaun Maher, Video Division
Station's Public Inspection File