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July 1, 2005

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
WVTM-DT, Birmingham, AL; Facility ID No. 74173**

Dear Madam Secretary:

NBC Telemundo License Co. (“NBC”), permittee of the above-referenced permitted digital television facility WVTM-DT, Birmingham, Alabama (“WVTM-DT”), hereby respectfully submits this request for a waiver of the July 1, 2005 replication/maximization interference protection deadline for WVTM-DT¹ and an extension of WVTM-DT’s grant of special temporary authority (“STA”) until the recently filed modification of WVTM-DT’s STA may be granted.

NBC is operating WVTM-DT on DTV Channel 52 under a grant of Special Temporary Authority (“STA”). See FCC File No. BEDSTA- 20050225ACM. However, NBC is unable to complete construction of WJAR-DT’s outstanding construction permit, see FCC File No. BEPCDT- 20020301ABZ (the “WVTM-DT Permit”) for unavoidable technical reasons. See *Notice* at 2. In order to comply with the WVTM-DT Permit, NBC must locate WVTM-DT’s antenna at a tower location currently occupied by the Station’s analog antenna, which is located at a slightly higher elevation on the relevant tower. NBC is not able to exchange the location of

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; WVTM-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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the two antennas without adversely affecting WVTM-TV's analog coverage. At the end of the digital transition, NBC intends to re-locate WVTM-DT's antenna to the appropriate tower location, which will end any need for a continued STA.

In light of these circumstances, NBC recently has filed to modify WVTM-DT's outstanding STA to enable WVTM-DT to increase the facility's effective radiated power to 1000 kW, a copy of which is attached. The proposed modification would result in a facility at a slightly lower height than WVTM-DT's permitted facility and necessarily employs a directional pattern. The projected contours of the modified STA would not exceed the permitted facility, but would encompass WVTM-DT's community of license.

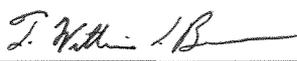
Upon grant of the modified STA, WVTM-DT will serve at least 100 percent of the number of viewers served by the 1997 facility upon which WJAR-DT's replication coverage was based. *See Notice* at 2. As a station that intends to return to its analog channel allotment post-transition, WVTM-DT thus complies with the replication/maximization requirement and should not need a waiver to protect its full replication service area upon grant of the modified STA.

In an abundance of caution, however, WVTM-DT would like to request a waiver until such time as the modified STA is approved, and otherwise to the extent necessary to protect the station's existing construction permit. WVTM-DT also would like to request the extension of its existing STA until such time as the modified STA may be approved.

Please communicate with the undersigned with respect to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

NBC TELEMUNDO LICENSE CO.

By: 
F. William LeBeau

Its Assistant Secretary and Senior
Regulatory Counsel

cc: Shaun Maher, Video Division
Station's Public Inspection File



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June 30, 2005

VIA COURIER

Federal Communications Commission
Mass Media Services
P.O. Box 358165
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15251-5165

Re: NBC Telemundo License Co.
WVTM-DT, Birmingham, Alabama; FID No. 74173
**EMERGENCY REQUEST TO MODIFY SPECIAL TEMPORARY
AUTHORITY TO OPERATE DIGITAL TELEVISION FACILITY**

Dear Madam Secretary:

NBC Telemundo License Co. ("NBC"), permittee of the above-referenced permitted digital television facility (the "Station"), hereby respectfully requests modification of the Station's existing Special Temporary Authority ("STA") for the Licensee to operate the Station with parameters at variance from its permitted facilities. *See* FCC File No. BPCDT-19991101ADF (the "Permit").

The proposed modification will significantly increase the digital service area of the Station without exceeding the contours authorized under the Permit and is necessary to maximize the Station's digital service area in light of the Commission's July 1, 2005 replication/maximization deadline.¹ The proposed modification also will completely encompass the Station's community of license with a quality signal, as well as serve at least 100 percent of the Station's projected analog replication population, as outlined by the *Notice*. Because the Station is prepared to go on air upon grant of the requested STA, we hereby request that this STA is granted on an emergency basis.

Attached is the technical information relevant to the proposed modification. This STA modification request is accompanied by an anti-drug act certification and a credit card payment for the requisite filing fee of \$150.00 as part of a completed FCC Form 159. We ask that you stamp the enclosed copy of this request and return it to our office as confirmation of filing.

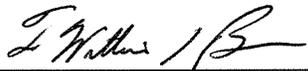
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Please contact me if you have any questions about this matter, and thank you for your prompt assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

NBC TELEMUNDO LICENSE CO.

By: 
F. William LeBeau

Its Assistant Secretary

Attachments

cc: Shaun Maher, Video Division
Nazifa Sawez, Video Division
Station's Public Inspection File

ANTI-DRUG CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that neither the applicant nor any party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. Section 853a.



F. William LeBeau
Assistant Secretary

Date: June 30, 2005