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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

**Re: MB Docket No. 03-15
WJFW-DT, Rhinelander, WI (Facility Id. No. 49699)
Request for Waiver of Replication/Maximization Interference
Protection Deadline**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Northland Television, LLC (“Northland”), the permittee of digital television (“DTV”) station WJFW-DT, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, we hereby request a waiver of the replication/maximization interference protection deadline applicable to WJFW-DT.¹

Pursuant to paragraph 84 of the *Second Periodic Review Report and Order*, WJFW-DT is subject to a DTV replication/maximization deadline of December 29, 2006, the expiration date specified in the station’s outstanding full-power DTV construction permit, BMPCDT-20060526AHM.² As explained below, because of circumstances outside of Northland’s control, WJFW-DT’s full-power DTV facilities are not expected to be completed until late January 2007. Accordingly, Northland requests a brief extension of time to comply with the requirements of the deadline and commence operations with WJFW-DT’s permitted facilities.

¹ Station WJFW-DT is currently operating at reduced power with the facilities specified in BDSTA-20021007ACQ, as extended. A request for further extension of its special temporary authority to operate with these facilities is pending and will be amended to reflect the content of this request. See BEDSTA-200600703ACV.

² See *Second Periodic Review of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations Concerning the Transition to Digital Television*, MB Docket No. 03-15, FCC 04-192, ¶ 84 (rel. Sept. 7, 2004).

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Due to unforeseen delays, Northland only recently completed construction of the transmitter building for WJFW-DT and received the station's digital transmitter. Unfortunately, because of the intervening holidays, personnel are not available to install the transmitter and related equipment until early January. Barring any winter weather delays, Northland expects to complete construction of the permitted WJFW-DT facilities by late January 2007.

Accordingly, Northland respectfully requests a brief waiver of the replication/maximization interference protection deadline to allow completion of the WJFW-DT permitted facilities. Concurrent with this waiver request, Northland is filing a Form 337 application for an extension of WJFW-DT's outstanding construction permit and amending the station's pending request for extension of special temporary authority to operate with reduced facilities.³

If there are any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

 /s/ John M. Burgett

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cc: Shaun Maher (via e-mail)

³ See FCC File No. BEDSTA- 20060703ACV (requesting extension of BDSTA-20021007ACQ).