

January 6, 2009

To: Chairman, Federal Communications Committee

From: Chairman, Inauguration Communications Committee (Louis Libin)

Re. Broadcast coverage of the events leading to and including the Presidential Inauguration from January 13 until January 21, 2009.

The 2009 Presidential Inauguration is expected to have the greatest media coverage in history. In view of this and has been done in the past, the broadcast networks have formed an ad-hoc coordination group, called Inauguration Communications Committee, as the Frequency Coordinating Committee for the event. Louis Libin has been appointed the Chair of Inauguration Communications Committee, and it is requested that he be appointed the Special Coordinator for this events.

For an event of such national importance, there are no assigned broadcast “rights holders”. Each participating network and local radio and television broadcaster and other entities requires communications, the networks require major communications and spectrum for video and audio transport as well as all the various government agencies.

In order to provide sufficient communications and a fair and equitable allocation of resources the committee makes two requests:

1. Special Temporary Authorization (STA) for Spectrum for the event from January 13 through January 21, 2009
2. A waiver of the distance separation requirements of section 74.802

Specifically, the Inauguration Communications Committee hereby requests that the commission grant a waiver of the distance separation requirement of Section 74.802 of the FCC Rules to allow the broadcasters to operate low power auxiliary stations on TV broadcasting channels where television stations on those channels are located at least 40 kilometers co-channel kilometers from the venue. The low power to be used will not exceed that permitted under Part 74, and in the majority of cases, will be less. The list of stations that are within the “Request For Waiver” follows as attachment A.

ATTACHMENT A

Stations Affected by Waiver Request

City	State	Call	CH	ERP	RCAMSL	Dist (km)	Type	Status	Azimuth
BALTIMORE	MD	WMAR-TV	2	100	381	59.1	TV	LIC	33
BALTIMORE	MD	WBAL-TV	11	316	383	59.1	TV	LIC	33
BALTIMORE	MD	WJZ-TV	13	28.8	378	59.1	DT	CP	33
BALTIMORE	MD	WUTB	24	1170	428	49.8	TV	LIC	27.2
FREDERICK	MD	WFPT	28	30	304	48.1	DT	LIC	329.1
BALTIMORE	MD	WMPB	29	14	464	65.5	DT	LIC	18.8
GOLDVEIN	VA	WNVTV	30	160	309	46.1	DT	LIC	231.2
BALTIMORE	MD	WJZ-TV	38	1000	395	59.1	DT	CP	33
BALTIMORE	MD	WNUV	40	845	456	59.3	DT	LIC	33
BALTIMORE	MD	WUTB	41	200	406	49.8	DT	CP MOD	27.2
SEAFORD	DE	WDPB	44	98	205	125.3	DT	LIC	101.6
HAGERSTOWN	MD	WWPB	44	209	548	117.4	DT	LIC	316.4
BALTIMORE	MD	WBFF	45	1290	467	59.3	TV	CP MOD	33
BALTIMORE	MD	WBFF	45	1290	496	59.3	TV	LIC	33
BALTIMORE	MD	WBFF	46	550	456	59.3	DT	CP	33
SALISBURY	MD	WMDT	47	2190	312	120.1	TV	LIC	110.6
ASHLAND	VA	WUPV	47	1000	282	129.1	DT	LIC	189
RED LION	PA	WGCB-TV	49	646	370	119.1	TV	LIC	18.5
BALTIMORE	MD	WMAR-TV	52	602	395	59.1	DT	LIC	33
BALTIMORE	MD	WNUV	54	5000	450	49.8	TV	LIC	27.2
BALTIMORE	MD	WBAL-TV	59	513	396	59.1	DT	LIC	33
MARTINSBURG	WV	WWPX	60	2040	506	109.5	TV	LIC	305.5
FREDERICK	MD	WFPT	62	2500	304	48.1	TV	CP	329.1
SEAFORD	DE	WDPB	64	186	205	125.3	TV	LIC	101.6
ASHLAND	VA	WUPV	65	2690	296	129.1	TV	LIC	189
BALTIMORE	MD	WMPB	67	1000	464	65.5	TV	CP	18.8