

## Attachment 1

### REQUEST FOR WAIVER

Gray Television Licensee, LLC (“Gray”) hereby requests waiver of the requirement to provide certain information on FCC Form 312 for submission of its receive-only earth station registration for C-Band antennas used in conjunction with broadcast television station WOWT (Omaha, Nebraska).

WOWT utilizes nine receive-only C-Band antennas to receive video programming that it then disseminates to its viewers. Many of these antennas are very old. As registration of these antennas has always been permissive,<sup>1</sup> and due to C-Band’s receive-only nature, the station understandably did not maintain detailed records for some of its antennas. Now, the Commission has warned that it will consider protecting in further action “only those earth stations that are licensed, registered, or have pending applications for license or registration on file” by October 17, 2018.<sup>2</sup> The FCC held that “the interests of equity warrant providing earth station operators with a chance to file applications” during the current filing window.<sup>3</sup>

Specifically, WOWT lacks make, model, antenna size, and gain information for one of its nine antennas. To allow the FCC Form 312 to validate, the station has inputted “dummy” data for the antenna ID’d as WOWT 9:

- WOWT 9
  - E30 and E31: “unknown”
  - E32: 4.0m
  - E41/42: 42.5 dBi at 4 GHz

These figures are based upon good faith estimates of the dish, a picture of which is attached here.

Under Section 1.3 of the Commission’s rules, the Commission has authority to waive its rules “for good cause shown.”<sup>4</sup> Good cause exists if “special circumstances warrant a deviation from the general rule and such deviation will serve the public interest” better than adherence to the general rule.<sup>5</sup> In determining whether waiver is appropriate, the Commission should “take into account considerations of hardship, equity, or more effective implementation of overall policy.”<sup>6</sup>

Here, good cause exists to waive the requirement to provide make, model and gain for the one antenna used in conjunction with the broadcast television operations of WOWT for which the station lacks information. Because of the FCC’s permissive registration requirement, the Station had no reason to keep and maintain technical data for its receivers. Therefore, the “interests of equity” warrant waiver of the requirement for the station to provide make, model and gain information for one of its antennas. The antenna’s location and C-Band receive-only use

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., 47 C.F.R. § 25.131(b).

<sup>2</sup> *C-Band Earth Station Freeze Public Notice*, DA 18-398, at 5 (April 19, 2018) (“*C-Band Freeze PN*”).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*, at 4.

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.3; *WAIT Radio v. FCC*, 418 F.2d 1153, 1159 (D.C. Cir. 1969).

<sup>5</sup> *Northeast Cellular Telephone Co. v. FCC*, 897 F.2d 1164, 1166 (D.C. Cir. 1990).

<sup>6</sup> *WAIT Radio*, 418 F.2d at 1159.

provides more than enough information for the Commission to “consider[] whether its rules require modification to accommodate changing market and technological conditions.”<sup>7</sup> By extension, this antenna should be protected in any further action the agency pursues.

Accordingly, WOWT requests that the Commission waive the requirement to provide manufacturer, model, antenna size, and antenna gain for one of the antennas included in the instant receive-only registration application.

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<sup>7</sup> *C-Band Freeze PN*, at 4.



