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Re: WNED-FM, Buffalo, New York Facility Identification No. 27669 Western New York Public Broadcasting Association File No. 20121220ABT

> Request for Modification of Increased Power Hybrid Digital Authorization

Dear Counsel:

This letter is in reference to the request filed December 20, 2012, on behalf of Western New York Public Broadcasting Association ("WNYPBA"), licensee of noncommercial educational FM station WNED-FM at Buffalo, New York. WNYPBA requests modification of the Station WNED-FM increased power digital authorization granted February 7, 2011, so that the station's FM hybrid digital facilities comport with the currently licensed Station WNED-FM analog facilities.

WNYPBA is currently authorized to operate Station WNED-FM with increased digital effective radiated power ("ERP") in excess of -20 dBc, ⁴ pursuant to the Media Bureau's *Order* adopted January 27, 2010, in MM Docket No. 99-325. Our review of the WNYPBA modification request indicates that the proposed Station WNED-FM increased power hybrid digital operation complies with the technical requirements of the *Order*.

¹ File No. BLED-20121220AAP.

² File No. 20110203AAE.

³ Construction Permit BPED-20121015ABH, granted December 11, 2012, authorized correction of the Station WNED-FM transmitter site geographic coordinates and antenna height, as well as a reduction in ERP.

⁴ Decibels below analog carrier. Station WNED-FM is currently authorized to operate with digital ERP of 2.4 kilowatts ("kW").

⁵ See Digital Audio Broadcasting Systems And Their Impact on the Terrestrial Radio Broadcast Service, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 1182 (2010) ("Order").

Accordingly, the request IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WNED-FM may operate with digital ERP and TPO, as follows:

Analog ERP:

96 kW (Max-BT, H&V)⁶

Digital ERP:

2.3 kW (H&V)

Combined TPO:

19.5 kW

WNYPBA must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines; *See* Section 1.1310 of the Commission's Rules.⁷ It may be necessary to reduce the power of the digital signal or cease hybrid operation if interference complaints are received. This authority may be modified or cancelled by the Commission without notice or right to hearing. This authority attaches to, and runs concurrently with, the main station license. WNYPBA must post a copy of this authority with the station license.

Sincerely,

Susan N. Crawford

Audio Division

Media Bureau

cc: Western New York Public Broadcasting Association Roy P. Style, III (via email)

 $^{^{6}\,}$ All ERP and TPO values rounded in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §73.212(a).

⁷ 47 C.F.R § 1.1310.