

WNOL-DT, New Orleans, LA  
Tribune Television New Orleans, Inc.  
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## **EXHIBIT 2**

### **EXPLANATION REGARDING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO REMAIN SILENT**

Tribune Television New Orleans, Inc. ("Tribune"), licensee of WNOL-DT, New Orleans, Louisiana, hereby requests an extension of its Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to remain off-the-air following the severe damage inflicted by Hurricane Katrina to its transmission facilities. *See* FCC File No. BSTA-20051104AEI.

WNOL's broadcast transmission plant was completely inundated with water by Hurricane Katrina and its analog and digital operations were knocked off-the-air. Tribune submitted its initial STA request for WNOL's DTV facility to remain off-the-air pursuant to the temporary procedures implemented by the Media Bureau following the hurricane. *See* Public Notice, "Media Bureau Announces Procedures to Promote the Resumption of Radio and Television Broadcast Service to Areas Impacted by Hurricane Katrina," DA 05-2393, released August 31, 2005. The Media Bureau granted that request on December 12, 2005. *See* FCC File No. BSTA-20051104AEI.

Since Katrina made landfall, Tribune's first priority has been restoring, stabilizing and improving WNOL's temporary analog service. As it continues to improve WNOL's analog service, Tribune is evaluating several broadcast transmission facility options for restoring WNOL's DTV service. A final decision has been delayed in part because Tribune has been unable to get sufficient information from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the integrity of the soon to be reconstructed protection levies. This information will, in turn, impact the minimum commercial base flood elevation to be specified in local building codes in and around New Orleans. During the period in which WNOL-DT remains off-the-air, Tribune has arranged to include the WNOL-DT programming as an SDTV feed in the broadcast DTV signal of WPXL-DT in New Orleans.