

Basis for Extension of Digital Special Temporary Authority

Sunbelt Television, Inc. ("Sunbelt") hereby respectfully requests that the FCC grant an extension of the special temporary authority granted by the Commission on September 7, 2006 and expiring on March 7, 2007 (FCC File No. BEDSTA-20060630AAW) ("Digital STA") to operate KHIZ-DT, Barstow, California (FIN 63865) with temporary digital technical facilities.

As explained in the initial Digital STA request, construction of KHIZ-DT's permanent digital facilities required that the existing tower, which also supported the licensed KHIZ analog facilities, be demolished and a new tower constructed in its place.

While Sunbelt has made substantial progress towards completing construction of the permanent digital facilities, an extension of the Digital STA for a period of ninety (90) days, until June 7, 2007, is necessary in order for Sunbelt to complete construction of the digital facilities. Although the new tower has been erected and licensed analog operations have resumed (as of February 12, 2007), Sunbelt encountered unexpected delays in completing the modifications to the transmitter building to support the digital transmitter due to the limitations of the site. Because the new tower structure is on top of a narrow mountain peak, there is very little room to maneuver. Thus, the concrete pad next to the transmitter building (which had to be extended in order to support the digital transmitter) could not be extended until the new tower was completely erected and the tower crane removed because the extended concrete pad would have prevented the tower crew from maneuvering around the tower site during construction. Similarly, the reinforcement of the transmitter building roof to support the digital transmitter's RF network also had to wait until the new tower was completely constructed. Sunbelt has now completed the extension of the concrete pad next to the transmitter building and has acquired all of necessary materials to reinforce the transmitter building roof. Sunbelt need only complete the reinforcement of the transmitter building roof in order to schedule the installation of the digital transmitter. Sunbelt anticipates that all of this work will be completed within the next ninety (90) days.

So that Sunbelt may continue to provide digital service while it completes construction of KHIZ-DT's digital facilities, Sunbelt respectfully requests that the FCC extend the Digital STA for an additional ninety (90) days, until June 7, 2007.