

South Florida PBS, Inc.
WURH-CD, Miami, Florida
Facility ID No. 4366

**Request for Waiver of Seeking a Delay in Channel Sharing Implementation
and for a Waiver of the January 24, 2018 Date for Implementing Channel-
Sharing**

South Florida PBS, Inc. (SFPBS), licensee of Class A Station WURH-CD, Miami, Florida (Facility ID No. 4366), requests authority to delay implementation of shared channel operations, and further, requests that the Commission waive the deadline for requesting the delay in channel-sharing implementation.

WURH-CD was previously licensed to Sunshine Broadcasting Company. The WURH-CD license was donated to SFPBS. *See* FCC File No. BALDTA-20171005ABK. The donation was consummated on December 15, 2017. The Commission granted a construction permit for WIMP-CD to share facilities with WPBT, Miami, Florida (Facility ID No. 13456), also licensed to SFPBS. *See* FCC File No. 0000030170.

On December 21, 2017, SFPBS requested authority for the station to go silent. *See* FCC File No. 0000036708. The station is now silent on its previous channel.

SFPBS *first* requests a waiver of the November 24, 2017 date by which WURH-CD was required to request authority to delay implementation of channel-sharing. On that date, however, WURH-CD was still licensed to Sunshine Broadcasting Company, and that company was not aware of when the assignment to SFPBS would be granted or when channel-sharing could be implemented. SFPBS was certainly not able to seek a delay in the date for implementing channel-sharing by November 24 for a station it did not own or control until December 15. Thus, there is good reason to waive the requirement that a request to delay shared channel operations.

Second, SFPBS requests a delay in the date by which it must implement channel-sharing for WURH-CD. WPBT will also share its channel with WXEL-TV, Boynton Beach, Florida (Facility ID No. 61084). *See* FCC File No. 00000035539. SFPBS was granted an extension of the time period to commence shared operations of WXEL-TV on the WPBT channel due to Hurricane Irma-related delays in construction of control circuits needed to effectuate shared operations. *See* FCC File No. 0000035516.

For the same reasons, SFPBS requests an extension of the date by which it must implement channel-sharing for WURH-CD. SFPBS, in order to begin broadcasting a signal for WURH-CD, must also establish connections between SFPBS' studio facilities in Miami, its shared master control facility in Jacksonville, Florida, and its transmitter in Miami. SFPBS anticipates that it will be able to begin broadcasting a signal for WURH-CD more or less simultaneously with the commencement of shared operations with WXEL-TV.

The requested delay in channel-sharing will not have any impact on the transition to post-auction allotments in Florida since WURH-CD has already ceased operations on its previous channel, and the requested delay in channel-sharing will not affect the timing of WPBT's move to its new channel, along with the two other signals that will share that facility.

Therefore, SFPBS requests silent authority for WIMP-CD for a period no longer than six months.